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GREECE TAKES A HAND.

Departure of a Flotilla for Crete—Great Enthusiasm in the Kingdom.

Arms and Ammunition Landed—Mohammedans Pillaging the Houses of Christians.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from Athens says the torpedo flotilla commanded by Prince George of Greece has started for Crete, great enthusiasm being manifested on the part of the people. Prince George admitted that his orders were to prevent by every means possible the landing of any Turkish troops on the island of Crete. The Queen spent a considerable portion of the day in distributing relief to the Cretan refugees. Just previous to his departure Prince George visited the King for the purpose of receiving the royal commands. He then proceeded to the departments of marine and foreign affairs. An immense crowd repeatedly cheered the incident, the news of the departure of the Prince with the torpedo flotilla spreading like wildfire throughout the city and creating a profound impression.

A dispatch to the Chronicle from Athens says that in the chamber to-night (Wednesday), Prime Minister Delyannis, being interpellated regarding the mission of Prince George to the Island of Crete and the report that the powers had determined to prevent Turkey from landing any troops at Canea, declined to make any statement or reveal the aim of the orders given to Prince George or to the captains of his torpedo boats. Premier Delyannis declared, however, that no matter what happened, the government had fully decided as to the measures to be taken. The government, he said, would act with prudence and firmness. Greece and Crete, he urged, were bound to each other by inseparable ties of blood and tradition, as well as by long centuries of common suffering and struggles. There was no Greek heart that would not respond to Crete's appeal for union with Greece. This statement produced a great sensation among the leaders of the opposition, who at once announced that further discussion would be superfluous. The legislative chamber then adjourned.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Rome says that the Italian foreign office has received a telegram to the effect that the Greek squadron has landed arms and ammunition near Retimo. If this report is verified the Italian chamber will be again convened and the general elections will be postponed. Orders were issued on Wednesday for the immediate concentration of the entire active Italian fleet at Naples. The first division of the fleet will sail for Crete to-day (Thursday). A dispatch to the Times from Canea dated Thursday says that owing to the difficulty of obtaining Christian recruits the Austrian government has undertaken to send one hundred Bosnians and Dalmations to form a company of gensd'armes.

A dispatch to the Times from Canea dated Wednesday says the situation at Heraklion has suddenly changed for the worse, the Mohammedans commencing to pillage the houses of the Christians. The authorities seem unable to exercise any control over the mobs. The Mohammedans it is claimed are preventing the departure of the Cretan foreign refugees by way of the sea. It is stated that the Christians have fired upon the troops, and that much confusion and alarm prevails. The Christians have established a cordon around the town of Sita where conflicts occurred yesterday, three Mohammedans being killed. A serious state of affairs prevails at Retimo, the Mohammedans refusing to allow the Christian refugees to depart and the Christian refugees have been detained as hostages for the safety of the Mussulmans. The Mohammedans have established a state of siege in the Ammarc district. Canea is quiet, rain helping to restore tranquility. It is reported, however, that a band of Greek volunteers will attempt a landing to-night near Theodore's island, five miles northwest of Canea.

FAMINE IN INDIA.

Lord George Hamilton Thinks There Is Now Sufficient Food—Distress in Southern Russia.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, in a speech to-day at Harrow-on-the-Hill, upon the subject of the famine in India, said critics told the government officials that they ought to purchase food at wholesale rates for the purpose of forcing down prices, but it was curious that the price of wheat was now lower in India than in England. He said he understood that a very considerable portion of the California imports of wheat was likely to be reshipped from India to England at an actual loss. Lord Hamilton said that he, as well as the Viceroy of India, the Earl of Elgin, had studied the subject carefully and had arrived at the conclusion that there was sufficient food in India taken in connection with the spring crop to carry on the people there.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg gives harrowing accounts of the distress caused by the famine in the provinces of Cherson, Boziarabok, Pskov, Erel, Astrakhan and other sections of Southern Russia. The peasants are eating horses and rats, and appealing to the local authorities to save them from starvation. It will require many thousands of roubles to enable the authorities to grant even the miserable allowances of a pound of rye bread daily, necessary for a mere existence, and undoubtedly many persons will die.

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U. S. ELECTORAL COUNT.

McKinley and Hobart Proclaimed in Congress—The Nicaragua Canal.

Morgan Gives Canadian Tariff Commissioners Some of His Anti-British Bile.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The electoral votes of the 45 states of the Union were formally counted at the joint session of the house and senate held to-day for that purpose, and Vice-President Stevenson proclaimed the election of McKinley and Hobart as President and vice-president respectively.

In the senate this afternoon the Nicaragua bill was taken up. Senator Morgan renewed his advocacy of the measure, and in a somewhat dramatic manner referred quite frequently to "Great Britain's intriguing." He pointed out that prior to Mr. Cleveland's first term the policy of the government was toward the government construction of the canal and to this end Secretary Frelinghuysen negotiated a treaty by which the United States secured control of a strip twelve miles wide across the isthmus on payment of $4,000,000 to Nicaragua. But Mr. Cleveland on entering office reversed the former policy of the government and withdrew the treaty from the senate. This had led naturally and necessarily to a private company taking up the work which the government had renounced. Mr. Morgan declared that British interference was continually at work to prevent American control of the canal. He had positive and detailed information supporting this declaration.

"It it of such a character," said Mr. Morgan, "that I am compelled to present this information to the senate in executive session. It will disclose that up to this hour British intervention has been conspiring to prevent the consummation of this project under American control. Unless," said he, "all the manhood of the United States has been taken out of us by contracts to keep the peace there would be the serious result of the abandonment of the canal bill, to which the senate was now invited."

Turning to Mr. Sherman, who sat across the aisle, Mr. Morgan said: "The senator from Ohio will never be able to execute his plan for a treaty of which he so hopefully speaks. As I said to him the other day, if he had the genius of a Metternich and a Talleyrand, he would be overcome by these little thimble rigging republics who will stand ready to conspire with other governments and to circumvent his plans. No, the senator from Ohio, in his new position, will find his efforts brought to naught. We are informed that there is to be an extra session of congress," proceeded Mr. Morgan, "and I give notice that at the earliest possible day I will offer this bill again and will do what I can to secure its passage; and if the glory and honor of this crowning work of the close of the century shall fall to the lot of a Republican president, I will thank God that we have a Republican president who can go step by step with his fellow citizens in defence of the power and glory of this republic. I will now withdraw it."

Mr. Morgan laid before the senate a letter from William L. Merry, the consul of Nicaragua at San Francisco, expressing the confident belief that the letter from Minister Roderiguez to Secretary Olney opposing the canal project was unauthorized and contrary to the views held by President Zelaya of Nicaragua. This letter also sets forth numerous circumstances indicating that British influence inspired opposition to the canal.

As Mr. Morgan proceeded with his criticism of Great Britain, Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Mr. Davies, the Canadian commissioners, entered the diplomatic gallery and were attentive listeners to the hostile remarks of the Senator. "Are we not to be guided by the lessons of the past?" he exclaimed. "Are we to believe that the British lion will not crush the bones of our arm if we put it in its mouth?" Again turning to Senator Sherman, Mr. Morgan said: "I say in presence of the senator from Ohio, who is soon to be our secretary of state, that if he takes the anodynes of flattery fed to him like spoon-feed by Great Britain the people of the United States will not support him."

The Nicaragua canal bill was then disposed of by Mr. Morgan consenting that it should go to the calendar.

SANITARY PRECAUTIONS.

Peru Fears the Advent of the Plague—Indians Murder English Colonists.

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 10.—The sanitary board is discussing precautionary measures advisable to be taken in the matter of the bubonic plague. This session of the board was made necessary by the arrival of a cargo of empty bags en route from India to Callao.

The government is sending troops to Porono for the purpose of subduing the Indians who opposed the construction of a bridge, the trouble resulting in the death of two English colonists. Traffic on the Central railroad has reopened.

DOINGS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

Terrible Condition of Things.

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 10.—A note written by one girl attending the Central school to another little girl fell into the hands of a teacher and revealed a shocking state of affairs. It was discovered that four girls, the youngest eleven and the eldest thirteen, are leading lives of immorality for hire. A searching investigation is being made.

THE VICTORIAN ORDER.

Proposal to Raise a Million Dollars to Organize the Home Helpers Endorsed.

British Columbia Delegation Confer With Minister Blair—Case of B. C. Sealers.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—A meeting was held here to-day for the purpose of hearing the Countess of Aberdeen explain the scheme of the Victorian Order of Home Helpers to commemorate the Queen's diamond jubilee. His Excellency presided and said he thought that no better plan to celebrate this great event could be devised. Lady Aberdeen spoke for about half an hour and delivered a thoroughly practically address. On motion of Hon. Mr. Laurier, seconded by Hon. Mr. Sifton, the meeting endorsed a scheme proposed to raise a million dollars to carry it out.

The British Columbia delegation had a conference with Hon. Mr. Blair today in reference to the railway project. The Minister promised to secure them an interview with all the members of the government to-morrow.

Sir C. H. Tupper will be here through the week working up sealers' cases with Peters.

The department of trade and commerce has been notified of the coming into effect on March 31 next, of the new customs tariff of Queensland. This amended customs act contains provisions of importance to the Dominion, as the free list has been liberally extended, and will include many articles produced in this country. Nearly all classes of agricultural implements are made free, and in these a considerable trade is already being done with the Australian colonies. Other articles placed on the free list are asbestos, carriage shafts, hubs, bent wheel rims, etc., bicycle parts, mining machinery and stoves.

TARIFF COMMISSION.

Continuation of the Inquiry at Winnipeg—The Bonspiel—Conservative Candidate in St. Boniface.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 10.—(Special)—The tariff commission had a busy day with the remainder of the farmers deputation who gave evidence along the line of that adduced yesterday. In the afternoon the lumbermen had their say. The commission was conducted in a very free and easy manner.

In the bonspiel to-day for the Royal Caledonian trophy the Winnipeg rinks defeated the outsiders by a large majority. Play in the Grand Challenge and Walkerville competitions is progressing. The weather is cold and the ice excellent.

Madame Albani's company arrived from the Coast this morning.

J. B. Lanson has been selected as the candidate in the Conservative interests at the bye-election in St. Boniface for the local house.

CLOSED DOWN.

Agricultural Insurance Co. of Watertown Will Receive no More Risks in Ontario.

TORONTO, Feb. 10.—(Special)—The Agricultural Fire Insurance Co., of Watertown, N.Y., has closed down its Canadian offices and will accept no more risks in this province. Up to about two years ago the company confined its business to farm and dwelling house risks, but since that time the agents have been accepting all ordinary kinds of commercial risks, and in the general rush of customers cut rates time and again. The insurance men of Toronto were more particularly affected by these cuts. All the risks accepted by the Agricultural company have been reinsured in the British American Insurance Company.

CANADIAN RETALIATION.

How it is Proposed to Meet U. S. Alien Labor Legislation.

WINDSOR, Feb. 10.—(Special)—The proposed retaliation by Canada against the United States, should the Collis bill become law, has assumed a new phase. It is propesed to compel every American vessel which passes through a Canadian canal to land its crew at the entrance to the canal. Under the existing law they cannot be carried as passengers unless under a special charter. This will oblige the American sailors to travel overland, while a Canadian crew works the vessel through the canal.

FASTEST IN THE WORLD.

McCulloch, of Winnipeg, Without a Peer.

MONTREAL, Feb. 10.—(Special)—J. K. McCulloch, Winnipeg's fast skater, won the postponed five thousand metres race to-day, and is now the amateur champion skater of the world, being the first Canadian to win the title. All experts agree that McCulloch is the fastest skater in the world.

It will pay you well to call at Marks', the workingman's friend, and leave your measure for a pair of fine worsted pants, only $3.00 x

In our carpet department you will find a few pieces of Brussels carpet which we offer at reduced prices to clear. We are expecting a large consignment of Crossley's carpets during the next few weeks. Weiler Bros. x

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T. B. REED FOR SPEAKER

Practically Certain of Election in the United States House of Representatives.

What Will Become of the Retiring Members of Cleveland's Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—There is no serious opposition to the re-election of Thomas B. Reed as speaker of the house of representatives, all stories to the contrary notwithstanding. Major McKinley's closest friends in the house say hat they do not desire any change in the organization of the house, and that if they did they would not undertake a fight on Reed, which would certainly cause a breach which could not be healed during the administration, if at all. In addition to this, the plans of the administration leaders almost necessitate the retention of Reed as speaker.

The programme is to frame the tariff bill this winter and rush it through the house within two weeks or a month after the beginning of the extra session. To accomplish this it is almost indispensable that the present organization of the house shall continue. If a new speaker should be elected the committees would be held up in the air for weeks, and possibly months. Everything combines, therefore, to throw the administration strength to Mr. Reed, and Gen. Grosvenor, the congressional representative of Major McKinley, is emphatic in the belief, which he has openly expressed, that Speaker Reed will be nominated in the Republican caucus by acclamation.

If anybody were to take the field against Reed it would undoubtedly be Hopkins of Illinois. He is one of the most popular men in the house, and has been in frequent opposition to the speaker. Unfortunately for "Hop's" chances there is no organized opposition at all to the big speaker. Boodlers, lobbyists and treasury raiders who wish to secure appropriations have endeavored to foment a rebellion, but without success, and in the opinion of the leaders of the house only his death or resignation can prevent his re-election.

Now that the personnel of the incoming cabinet has been determined, public interest naturally turns toward these gentlemen in the present cabinet who will so soon retire to a more or less well-earned private obscurity. Richard Olney, secretary of state, for instance, will return to Boston and resume his lucrative practice as attorney for half a score of railway corporations, which, it may be added, he has never relinquished during his incumbency of the office. It may be fairly surmised that the secretary's experience as attorney-general and secretary of state has qualified him to be even more valuable to the monopolies he represents than he ever was before. So that there need be no sympathy wasted upon Secretary Olney.

Mr. Judson Harmon, attorney-general of the United States, also has a future which, like his past, is largely behind him. He will return quietly and unostentatiously to Cincinnati and resume the practice of law for the benefit of the C. & O. and other large railway corporations. His services while in the cabinet, together with the experience which he has obtained, will doubtless secure to him a larger compensation and an increased pull with the corporations he so ably represents.

As for Secretary Carlisle, there is no place in Kentucky for so great a man as he. Mr. Carlisle will go to New York city, where his abilities and his lately acquired financial views will be better appreciated. It is an open secret that Mr. Carlisle has received several advantageous offers from prominent New York legal firms, one of which he will undoubtedly accept.

The secretary of war, Daniel S. Lamont, erstwhile newspaper man and private secretary to the President, will also return to New York city and resume the chairmanship of the steering committee of the New York surface roads. In this position Mr. Lamont has no superiors.

The secretary of the navy, Mr. Hilary A. Herbert, will retire to Alabama and incubate a new political ambition. Mr. Herbert has met with so many political vicissitudes in his time that he will be entirely familiar with this process. Time was when Mr. Herbert was severely bitten by the free silver idea. He only broke out in spots, however, and refrained from becoming rabid on the supposition that by standing by the administration's policy he would succeed to a United States circuit judgeship in Mississippi. This, too, passed away. Mr. Herbert is a professional congressman, and will doubtless know what to do when he gets back to Alabama.

Secretary of the interior, the Hon. David R. Francis, will return to St. Louis immediately after the 4th of March, and as the head of the firm of Francis Bros. & Co. will resume his old occupation of buying wheat on the Merchants' Exchange. Mr. Francis is a striking example of the self-made man, who, in his political ambition, has failed to heed the trite old maxim: "Soar not too high to fall; but stoop to rise."

Hon. William L. Wilson, postmaster-general and junior partner in the so-called Wilson bill, has a West Virginia future to which to look forward. Mr. Wilson is an accomplished college professor. He will go back to his West Virginia university and teach the young idea how to shoot "silver bugs"—in the back.

Hon. Julius Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture, also retires on the 3rd of March, and though the heavens may weep on that occasion there will be a damp eye among all the members of the Democratic party in this country. Mr. Morton's name will live in history—not because of his position in President Cleveland's cabinet, nor even because of his impetuous attack upon the rebel South last fall—but for the reason that he is the real man who instituted and inaugurated "Arbor Day" in America. Mr. Morton will return to Nebraska, and plant more trees, and, Cincinnatus-like, wait for the call of his country.

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SPECIAL FUMIGATION.

The "Empress of China" Detained in Quarantine Upwards of Fourteen Hours.

Smallpox Again Epidemic in Japan—Saghalien Disaster Caused by Overheating.

After spending fourteen hours in quarantine, the Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of Japan came into the outer dock yesterday morning with a small indication that the officer at William Head had done a considerable amount of fumigating. All the 289 steerage passengers she brought including 51 Chinese for Victoria were landed at the quarantine station and given a bath and their baggage being also completely disinfected. There was no sickness on board but in view of the great amount of the great amount of disease prevalent in the countries of Asia the authorities deemed it advisable to exercise special care in dealing with the incoming Oriental vessels—hence the exceptionally long detention of the Empress. She sailed from Yokohama on January 29, and experienced good weather all the way across the Pacific. Only three of her cabin passengers—Mrs. Bach and two daughters, of Port Townsend, who have been visiting Shanghai—left the vessel at Victoria. The other members of her saloon company were: Mr. J. H. Adams, Captain W. H. Crawford, Mr. B. D. Douglas, Mr. E. Enhorning, Mr. R. H. W. Fraser, Mr. K. Inzuka, Dr. Ellen Lyon, Mr. E. J. Moss and wife, Miss K. E. Mitchell, Mr. T. Morimura, Mr. R. Patterson, Mr. W. F. Page, Major R. M. Rainey, Mr. H. T. Richardson, Mr. J. C. Scovell, Mr. T. Shiota, Mr. Spencer, Jr., Miss C. Van O'Linda, Master Wetherell. From the Japanese exchanges brought by the steamer, it is learned that smallpox is again epidemic in many parts of the country, there having been in Tokio alone 1,404 cases reported between the 1st and 17th of January. Yokohama also suffers somewhat, but not nearly to the same extent. It has, however, the additional affliction of diphtheria. There were 20 cases of the latter reported, and 17 cases of the former in the period above mentioned. In commenting on the epidemic the Daily Mail says it is hoped that the trouble will have the effect of stimulating the government to insist upon compulsory vaccination. The ravages of smallpox would, it goes on to say, never be anything like what are now being experienced, were the sensible course recommended taken. Voluntary vaccination as a preventive measure is largely a failure, and will be likely to continue so; it must be enforced by the hand of authority, that being the only way to effectually cope with the dangerous and disfiguring disease.

LUMBER LADEN VESSELS.

Three ships completed loading at the Hastings mill on Friday, Saturday and Sunday respectively. They are the German ship Ariadne, the German bark Khorassan, and the British bark Wythop. The Ariadne has 1,369,000 feet of rough lumber, valued at $11,985, and is bound for Callao, Peru. The cargo of the Khorassan is 801,165 feet of rough lumber, worth $10,448.75, and she is bound for London, England. The Wythop's cargo is valued at $9,246.57, consisting of 1,096,408 feet of rough lumber, for South America.

MARINE NOTES.

Tug Lorne came in from sea yesterday morning after towing the coal laden ship Oriental to Clallam bay. She had towed the vessel out beyond the cape, but meeting with bad weather was obliged to put about and leave the vessel in the place mentioned. In the afternoon the Lorne left for Port Angeles.

The China mail just received says that the N.Y.K. steamer Sakura Maru on her last trip from Seattle had a remarkably stormy passage. To add to her miserable condition she ran short of coal and had to put in to Honolulu for a fresh supply.

Captain Locks, of the Joan, reports that on Sunday he passed buoy No. 8, belonging off the mouth of the Fraser river. The buoy was adrift and was about half way across the gulf when he passed it.—Nanaimo Free Press.

The C.P.N. steamer Tees left again for the coast last evening, but on this voyage will go no farther north than Kyuquot. She has a good freight aboard and among her passengers are a number of sealing captains.

A board of inquiry by a commission that recently sat at Saigon to examine into the details of the recent boiler explosion on board the Saghalien revealed that the catastrophe was caused by overheating.

Part of the tools, etc., lost off the Hudson Bay Company's pile driver which recently capsized in the harbor a week or more ago were recovered by a diver yesterday.

A squad of blue jackets took the prize schooners Beatrice and Viva around to Esquimalt yesterday morning.

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" Rosalie..... " " "
" Empress of China " Yokohama.
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" Fingal..... " Vancouver.
Slp. Eileen..... " Vesuvius Bay.

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" Rosalie..... " " "
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" Lorne..... " Port Angeles.
Slp. Eileen..... " Vesuvius Bay.

The coal freight through the Canadian and American "Soo" canals during the season of 1896 was 16,239,061 net tons, exceeding all previous records by nearly one million and a quarter tons, so a Washington report states. There was a reduction of 2,383,556 tons in the freight passage through the United States canal as against that for the season of 1895, a fact evidently due to the Canadian canal.

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India Relief Fund.

In response to the following telegram from His Excellency, the Governor-General of Canada:

OTTAWA, 23rd January, 1897.

To His Honor; the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C.:

After consultation with Dominion Ministry, I have undertaken to receive and to transmit contributions from all parts of the Dominion, in aid of the distress in India, and I trust I may have Your Honor's support and co-operation in this national expression of sympathy.

[Signed] ABERDEEN,
Governor-General.

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Are opened at the following places: City Hall, the Public Schools, Government Buildings, Supreme Court, COLONIST office, Times office, Province office and Board of Trade Building.

It is to be hoped that the people of this city will respond liberally to the appeal for assistance on behalf of millions of our fellow subjects in India who are now suffering from famine and pestilence. The smallest contributions will be thankfully received, and the total amount realized will, I feel confident, show that Victoria is equally ready with her sister cities in the East to contribute her share to the Canadian fund for the relief of suffering humanity.

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NOTICE—POISON.

Broadmead Farm, Saanich Road.

Having frequently lost sheep by dogs worrying, chasing and killing them within the last few months, and yesterday having lost 23 ewes and 2 valuable rams from same cause, I feel reluctantly compelled to adopt such measures for the protection of my flocks as are available. I therefore notify the public that poison will be placed on said farm on and after this date.

R. P. RITHET.
4th February, 1897. fe5

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Advertisements under the heads of Lost, Found For Sale or To Let and Situations Wanted will be inserted at the rate of one cent a word each insertion. Payment always in advance. No advertisement received for less than twenty five cents.

WANTS.

THOROUGHLY experienced dressmaker would like position in British Columbia as forewoman; 11 years' New York and Toronto experience; now living in Toronto. For reference apply this office fe10

WANTED—Agent to represent the Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Company, who are writing the most improved contracts of the present day; liberal commission paid to energetic man. Stanley Henderson, General Agent, Vancouver. fe9

WANTED AT ONCE—Active agents for each county; exclusive control; no risk; clear 12 to 25 hundred dollars a year. Enclose stamp for full particulars, or 25 cents for $1.00 sample Big Rapids Mineral Water Co., Big Rapids, Mich. fe6

WANTED—A general servant. Apply 154 Menzies street, James Bay. fe6

WANTED—Partner—Good chance for a young man; half interest in stationery and drug business in Rossland, B.C.; chance to learn the business; small capital. Address Drug, Colonist office. fe6

WANTED—A first-class dressmaker; must have a knowledge of millinery; steady employment for the right person. Apply with references, stating salary wanted. Address P.O. Box 103, Vernon, B.C. fe5

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply Mrs. C. H. Gibbons, Dominion road, Victoria West. fe5

WANTED TO RENT—A furnished house; state location, rent and number of rooms. Address A.A., Colonist office. fe

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A good nursemaid. Apply Mrs. Alan Dumbleton, Rockland avenue. fe3

RELIABLE sober man, 9 years' in Victoria with best of references; is willing to give his services at a very low rate for a steady job; indoor work preferred. Address W.G., this office. ja3

TEACHER WANTED for Hornby Island, Comox District; male teacher preferred. Apply to Geo. Hetherbell, Hornby Island, B.C. de20

WANTED in January experienced nurse for small children; references required. Address 1149 Melville street, Vancouver. de19

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TO LET—Rooms and board in private family; moderate terms. 168 Fort street fe7

TO LET—The second story of the Lewis Lewis building, containing a large hall; also three furnished rooms and parlor on the third floor; also store lately occupied by Lewis Lewis. fe7

TO LEASE—Farm near Victoria, 10 acres cleared; about 200 fruit trees beginning to bear; also strawberries and some other small fruit; good new house and suitable barn and outbuildings; rent reasonable. X.B.A., Colonist office. ja20

FURNISHED house to rent, 4 Battery street, Beacon Hill Park; 8 rooms, with lawn, flowers, etc.; small stable; rent very reasonable. Call at any time after 10 a.m. oc21-tf

FOR SALE.

SEVEN year old black mare; good in saddle, buggy or wagon, to exchange for draft horse. Apply S., Colonist. fe10

GOOD magic lantern and 60 slides for sale cheap Address Lantern, Colonist. fe10

FOR SALE—Three good milch cows and one fresh calf. Apply B. Evans, Cadboro Bay.

FOR SALE—A large copper property in good locality; experts report; will bond on liberal terms. Beaumont Boggs. ja14

MEN'S Scotch grey wool underwear, 3 sizes, 50c. each. Look at it in the window. Gilmore & McCandless, 37 Johnson street. ja7

JUST arrived from Mill Bay, 75 cords No 1 dry cordwood; for sale at current rates; in short or long lengths as required; your order solicited. A. C. Howe. de19

MISCELLANEOUS.

PLACE order for 1896 Rambler, $80. Weiler Bros. fe6

F. ELWORTHY—Balance-sheets prepared, accounts audited, general agencies taken. Office, Board of Trade Building. au30 tf

SEVERAL house servants can be supplied on calling Japanese Employment Office, No. 5 Government street. ja12

FOR making best Plaster of Paris, pure white Alabaster, in 20-ton parcels; apply, C. C. Pemberton, Victoria, B.C. dell

MONEY TO LOAN by The Dominion Building and Loan Association, on Victoria real estate, repayable in easy monthly payments extending from 5½ to 12 years. A. W. More & Co., mortgage brokers, 70 Douglas street.

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MR. A. F. OWEN,

Pianoforte Tuner, from J. & J. Hopkinson's, the well-known manufacturers of pianofortes, London, England; 12 years experience. Particulars as to my ability may be had from the above firm; 3½ years with Goodwin & Co., Victoria. Orders left at Hibben's Bookstore. fe5

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DRESS AND MANTLE MAKING.
132 VANCOUVER STREET.

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Indurated Fibreware

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LIMITED
HULL, CANADA.

ED. LINES, General Scavenger 236 Yates street.—Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Geo. Munro's, 89 Government street; Speed Bros., corner Douglas and Fort; or Butler & Gordon, corner Menzies and Michigan, will be promptly attended to. de8

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

An Aristocratic Miner—Clubs Try to Assist Investors—Westminster Aldermen Want Pay.

Big Strike in Kootenay—Accident in a Coal Mine—New Locations.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 10.—It has been ascertained on further investigation that there were no desertions from the warships during their stay here. A large number of men were on shore but all returned to their ships.

The different hotels in the city are fitting up rooms as quarters where mining men may meet. The Badminton has taken the lead in this particular. Among other appointments it has a fine cabinet of specimens.

The board of trade held its regular meeting at the board room last night. Vice-president Godfrey occupied the chair. The programme of the Navy League of Canada was approved and Mr. William Skeene, the secretary, announced that special information relative to mining opportunities and development was being obtained by the board. The board also proposed to ask the government for two thousand copies of Mr. Carlyle's map of the mining districts for circulation.

The steamers Barbara Boscowitz and Comox left yesterday for their respective points in the North. Both took large cargoes of freight and good contingents of passengers.

There are large numbers of entries for the Vancouver poultry show now open, the total being double that of last year. Mr. Davis, of Hatzic, is general superintendent, and J. Kelly judge of pigeons.

W. A. Wilson has been elected president of the Burrard Literary Club, and Mr. W. Davidson, secretary-treasurer.

The Vancouver city court of revision is being deluged with appeals for assessment reductions this year. The city council cannot do much in the matter, having regard to the financial situation, and it is already clear that no important reduction of the improvement assessment is at all possible.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 11.—Two Indians, charged with catching trout with a net, were dismissed with a caution yesterday by Captain Pittendrigh, it being proved that they were absolutely in want of food.

The Luckenbach pulveriser was busy yesterday treating crushed rock from the Golden Cache mines.

Two prisoners, Cockle and Hicks, charged with burglary at Ruby Creek, were yesterday sentenced by Judge Bole. Cockle got four years and Hicks three and a half years.

Many complaints are made here in regard to the delays in the postal service between Vancouver and this city.

Ald. Caldbeck will at the next meeting of the council bring forward a by-law to remunerate aldermen who have heretofore done service gratis in New Westminster, the Mayor only being paid.

Among those who this week took out miner's licenses at New Westminster was the Duchess of Sutherland, the license being obtained by proxy.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Feb. 10.—At the government office yesterday the following claims were recorded: Hardtack, Valdez island, by S. W. Sargent; Alpha and Storm King, Dunsmuir district, by J. E. Stark and others; Scorpion, Dunsmuir district, by Messrs. Sabiston & Wakelam.

A miner named Richard Jones had his head cut and was badly bruised by the falling of a piece of coal some eighteen feet from the roof of No. 5 stall yesterday morning. The injury, however, is not very serious.

Word was received here by a passenger on the City of Topeka that he had been one of the party to come down from the Yukon overland, and that on the way he had seen Mr. William Sloan, of this city, who is in good health and has a rich property.

John McLeod has a tunnel in 100 feet in the Raven, on Texada Island, which is in fine ore, assaying $125 per ton.

The committee in charge of the anti-Chinese movement in this district met in the city hall last evening, when considerable business was transacted. A large number of citizens have signed the petition, which will be forwarded as soon as necessary. It was decided to send a man into the Duncan district to solicit further signers.

The government is calling for bids for a twice-a-week mail service to Comox, and it is understood that, should this be established, it will be arranged for the boat to make Texada Island each trip.

NELSON.

[From the Nelson Miner.]

Friday morning the news quickly spread through Nelson that a big strike had been made in the Silver King mine. It was at first supposed that a large ore body had been discovered in the long tunnel which is being driven on the lower levels. Inquiries at the mine, however, proved that such is not the case. The development of the old tunnel is responsible for the discovery. It is said that the ore lately uncovered is of considerable extent and of richer grade than any heretofore found in the mine. The management acknowledges that a strike has been made but refuses to give any further information.

HELD UP AND ROBBED.

A Santa Fe Train Gone Through by Bandits—Indian Trailers in Pursuit.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—The westbound Santa Fe train was held up and robbed by two masked men near Nelson, a small station six miles east of Peach Springs, Arizona. One of the robbers was killed by the express messenger. The train robbers stopped the train by signals, and as the engineer stepped from the cab to ascertain the cause of the trouble, an armed masked man commanded him to cut the engine off and run ahead a quarter of a mile, which was complied with. One of the robbers entered the car and commenced picking up the loose registered packages. The robbers started for the express car then, but Messenger Summers quickly opened the door and, with extraordinary coolness, shot the robber dead. The other man escaped, taking with him a few registered packages. The dead robber was taken to Peach Springs, but not identified.

KINGMAN, Ariz., Feb. 9.—Indian trailers and deputy sheriffs started before daylight on the trail of the train robber who escaped after holding up the train at Nelson last night. Snow fell last night but this morning it was clear and it is supposed the trailers will have trouble running down the robbers. The identity of the robber killed by Messenger Summers is still unknown. He was a cowboy. The mail clerk insists that there were several robbers, but the engineer and fireman say only one after the shooting by the messenger. The robbers secured nothing but a few registered packages and letters from the mail car, three pouches being unmolested.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

No Likelihood of Low Prices—Unsuccessful Competition of Australian Butter.

"I don't think you may look for cheap prices until the new produce comes in," said a well known merchant in the produce business yesterday. "The markets are bound to keep in touch with those of Puget Sound, where prices on several staple products are advancing. Potatoes for this reason and for the reason that they are becoming more valuable in California are sure to go up in Victoria, and you may expect pretty stiff quotations before the winter is over." Flour, however, shows signs of coming down, and may, some merchants believe, drop at least in wholesale figures. Other merchants dissent from this opinion and say that in consideration of a recent advance in the big Eastern cities there is not much likelihood of the coast cities establishing cheaper rates. Local merchants are handling but little of the Australian butter which arrived here about a week ago on the Warrimoo, the reason, as some of their number explained yesterday, being that its price at wholesale is 28 cents per pound, a figure too high for it ever to enter into successful competition with the butter manufactured in the creameries of the province or the Dominion. The fact is an interesting one and goes to show what local enterprise is capable of doing if only properly directed. The current quotations are as below:

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$6.50
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	6.50
Victoria XXX	5.50
Lion	5.50
Portland roller	5.75
Salem	5.75
Snowflake	5.75
Premier	5.75
Three Star	5.75
Superfine	4.75
Hungarian (Armstrong)	5.50
XXXX "	5.25
Strong Bakers "	5.00
Graham, per 10 lbs	40
Wheat, per ton	35.00@40.00
Buckwheat, per 10 lbs	50
Oats, per ton	25.00@30.00
Barley, per ton	20.00@32.00
Middlings, per ton	22.00@25.00
Bran, per ton	17.00@18.00
Ground feed, per ton	25.00
" " California per ton	25.00@30.00
Corn, whole, per ton	28.00@30.00
" cracked, per ton	26.00@28.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	35
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	45@50
Rolled oats, per lb	4
Potatoes, per lb	1¼
" sweet, per lb	4
Cabbages, per lb	3@4
Hay, baled, per ton	13 00
Straw, per bale	50@75
Onions, per lb	5
Cheese, per lb	15@20
Eggs: Island, per doz	25@30
" imported, per doz	25
Butter, fresh, per lb	30
" Creamery, per lb	35
" Dairy, per lb	25
" Delta, per lb	35
" California, per sq	55
" " per roll	40
Honey (Chilliwack) per lb	25
Hams, American, per lb	16@18
" Canadian, "	16
" Boneless, "	15
" Glasgow beef, per lb	20
Bacon, American, per lb	16@18
" Rolled "	14@16
" Long clear "	10
" Canadian "	14@16
Shoulders, hams, per lb	12½
Lard, per lb	12½
Golden Cottolene, per lb	12½
MEATS—Beef, per lb	5@12½
Sides, per lb	7½@8
Veal "	10@15
Mutton, "	5@12½
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
Turkeys, per lb	20@25
" " (Eastern)	15
Geese, per lb	15@20
Chickens, each	50@75
Pigeons, per brace	50@60
Duck, Mallard, per brace	75@1 00
FRUITS—	
Eastern apples, per lb	5
Lemons, California, per doz	25@35
Bananas, per doz	50
Cranberries, per lb	10@15
Oranges, Australian, per doz	40@50
" Navel, per doz	35@40
Japanese oranges, per box	40
FISH—Salmon, spring, per lb	10@12
Halibut, per lb	10@12
Rock Cod, per lb	8@10
Smoked Salmon, per lb	20
Herring, per lb	12@15
Kippered Herring, per lb	12½
Haddock, Finnan, per lb	12½
Bloaters, per lb	10
Eastern oysters, per tin	75

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Cardinal, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Mr. Robert McIntosh a farmer very widely known in this county, and living near this village has been in a painful and dangerous condition as the result of kidney disease affecting the bladder. When called upon he said:

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"I have been subject to severe colds every fall and spring," says Miss Hattie Delaney, of 174 Crawford street, Toronto. "I used many cough medicines, but none cured me until at a cost of 25 cents I tried Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine."

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"Ledge No. 1, as shown approximately on the sketch plan, varies in thickness from two to four feet. It is opened by shafts at three points and a twenty-five foot tunnel driven on the lead and is traced on the strike for about 600 feet. Some fifteen to twenty tons of ore are lying on the several dumps, a certified assay of which gives $207 45 per ton, of which $201.00 is gold and $6.45 silver, though picked specimens which I have examined would evidently give very many times that value, and I think I am well within the limit of probability when I suggest a general average of $200 00 per ton, while the average of the ledge will be, I believe fully $100.00 to the ton."

It will be seen from the foregoing extracts from the report that the Company has not been incorporated on a mere "prospect," but that it has a valuable and proven property. It may also be mentioned that other assays obtained from the quartz of the Athabasca, in addition to that referred to above, have given $96 00 $294.00, $300.00, $146.00, $9,800, and $7,760 to the ton.

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Dellie	15
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Elkhorn	10
Gibson	12½
Idler	10
London Hill	25
Noble Five	65
Northern Light	15
Ottawa & Ivanhoe	12½
Rambler-Cariboo	37
Reco	1.50
Santa Marie	65
Silver Band	25
Slocan Star	2.70
Star	10
Washington	25
Wonderful	11
CAMP M'KINNEY.	
Cariboo	48
TEXADA ISLAND.	
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Butte	03¼
Caledonia	10
Celtic Queen	04¾
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Great Western	19
I.X.L.	11
Iron Mask	50
Iron Queen	02¼
Ibex	03
Josie	54
Mabel	15
Mayflower	15
Monte Cristo	16
Nest Egg	10
Norway	10
O.K.	27½
Silverine	08½
St. Elmo	10½
Silver Bell	07½
Virginia	19
Zilor	12
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Mar....5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30	Mar....3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28

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Mar....2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27	Mar....5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30

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The Company reserves right to change, without previous notice, steamers, sailing dates and hours of sailing.

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TIME TABLE No. 29

Takes effect December 24th, 1896.

Vancouver Route.

Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday, at 1 o'clock.

Vancouver to Victoria—Daily, except Monday, at 13:15 o'clock, or on arrival of C.P.R. No. 1 train.

New Westminster Route.

LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

For Plumper Pass—Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock.

For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at o'clock.

LEAVE NEW WESTMINSTER for Victoria—Monday at 13:15 o'clock; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at o'clock.

Northern Route.

Steamships of this Company will leave for Fort Simpson and intermediate ports, via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. When sufficient inducements offer, will extend trips to West Coast points and Queen Charlotte Islands.

Barclay Sound Route.

Steamer Tees leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound Ports the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month.

The Company reserves the right of changing this Time Table at any time without notification.

JOHN IRVING, Manager

G. A. CARLETON, General Agent.

Victoria, January 1st.

VICTOR JENSEN, deceased.—This is to give notice that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at the next sitting, for a transfer of the license for the Boomerang Hotel, Court Alley, to sell wine, beer and spirits by retail, now standing in the name of Victor Jensen, to myself, Sarah Jensen.

SARAH JENSEN, Executrix of the Estate of the late Victor Jensen.

January 29th, 1897. ja30

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TIME TABLE No. 27,

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GOING NORTH.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	8:00	3:20
Ar. Nanaimo	11:40	6:38
Ar. Wellington	12:00	6:55

GOING SOUTH.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8:20	3:30
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:40	3:45
Ar. Victoria	12:20	7:00

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" Comox for Nanaimo, Friday, 7 a.m.
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A CHANCE TO ADVERTISE OUR MINES.

The California press association is to visit Victoria in June. We do not know what will be the length of their stay, but it will doubtless be long enough to enable the people of this city to score a point. California is a state where there is a great deal of accumulated wealth. It also contains a very large number of people who take an intelligent interest in mining. The visit of the press association, if rightly utilized, may result in directing some of that interest and some of that wealth to our gold fields. Without having consulted our city contemporaries we feel able to promise for the newspaper men of Victoria that they will do anything in their power to advance so excellent an object. On this excursion the press of California will be generally represented. Most of the visitors will send to their papers descriptions of what they see and relate some of the things they hear; but what is of even greater importance, they can be impressed with the actual facts relating to the mineral wealth of the province, so that thereafter they will be able to appreciate properly such news as shall reach them from time to time. In other words their visit will enable us to open their eyes and through their instrumentality the eyes of the people of California to the limitless opportunities which British Columbia affords. A few of the older residents remember the rush from California to the placers of the Fraser and its tributaries, and will bear us out in saying that if California can be shown that it is worth while to invade the province once more the thing will be accomplished. The new invasion, if it comes, will be one backed by some of the abundant capital seeking investment in that State.

What we have in mind is that the visiting newspaper men should be given an object lesson as to the richness and extent of our placers and quartz mines, and that each one of them should carry home with him a neat compendium of information regarding our wealth of precious metals. This is, of course, only a crude suggestion. Before any plan is agreed upon there should be consultation between those who understand the matter best. All we want to do to-day is to direct public attention to what we think will be an excellent opportunity to advertise the mineral resources of the province in a very promising field.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer is very greatly impressed with the value of our provincial department of mines and urges the establishment of something similar in connection with the Federal cabinet. It says that the mining states are badly handicapped by the absence of a bureau which will handle mining matters as they are dealt with in this province, and emphasizes its point by saying:

British Columbia, for example, has a bureau of mines, the head of which bureau is a member of the provincial ministry. Every mineral development, the opening of every new district, every important mining discovery, is followed forthwith by the appearance on the ground of a mineralogist, in the employ of the bureau, who makes a full and complete examination of the district and all of the veins and ledges, and report to the bureau. Such reports are at once published, and coming from such an authoritative source, are read by intending investors and have naturally great weight in interesting capital in the new districts.

The Post-Intelligencer has recently received three bulletins published under the direction of the British Columbia bureau of mines. The first covers the Alberni and Barclay sound district; the second the Trail creek district, and the third the Slocan, Nelson and Ainsworth mining districts. Each one of these bulletins contains full and exact details of all of the operations being carried on in the districts referred to. The geological conditions are described; the nature and character of the ores; precisely what has been done on each claim; the amount of ore shipped; the assay values of the ores from the different mines, as well as the smelter returns, and the means of access and transport.

Each particular mine is described in detail, as to the manner of working, the money expended, the machinery in use, and every particular which can be learned by patient search and investigation.

This is but one of the means employed by the British Columbia mining bureau to bring about the development of the mineral resources of that province.

The Seattle paper complains very strongly of the manner in which mining interests are neglected by the government of the United States and insists that this neglect is an obstacle to the development of meritorious properties. It states the matter thus:

In this state there are mining districts which, from the development work so far done, promise as well as any which have ever been discovered in British Columbia, yet no state or Federal officer has ever been called upon to examine or report upon them. If a would-be investor requires information about any mining district in British Columbia, full and complete details, officially prepared and consequently authoritative, can be had from the government bureau having charge of such matters. If he desires like information about a mining district in this state, his only source of information is the files of the newspapers, the interested statements of those who have mines for sale or bond or mining stock to dispose of, or a personal visit of inspection.

This unexpected testimony as to the value of the work done by the department of mines must be highly gratifying to the government, to the minister of mines, and to his able staff of assistants. When it is remembered that it is impossible not only to get any official reports as to the mineral wealth of the neighboring state, but practically to secure appropriations for the construction of roads, trails and bridges into the mining regions, it will be easily understood how badly our neighbors are handicapped in competition with the Dominion in mining.

THE question of fire protection comes home to every one. Expense is secondary to adequacy. It is a fact that the losses by fire in Victoria have been very small. This is an argument in favor of the adequacy of the present system. It is also a fact that insurance rates are very low here, which seems to show that the fire underwriters do not regard the present system with very great disfavor. On the other hand it is said that the present rates were made on an understanding, more or less direct, that a full paid fire department should take the place of the present one. The underwriters claim that the change will add nothing to the cost to the taxpayers, will increase the efficiency of the service and will be followed by a small reduction in premiums. If this is the case there really seems nothing more to be said about the matter. If the underwriters can show to the city council that what they claim will result from the suggested change, that body will not be so unreasonable as to refuse to act upon their request for a reorganization of the department.

THE second volume of the draft revision of the statutes has been printed. The Chief Justice in his report lays special stress upon the Companies' Act, which is the joint production of himself and Mr. Justice Drake. So far as a superficial examination discloses, this act has been framed with great care, and if it becomes law will do much to protect the public from fraud or sharp practices by joint stock companies and to facilitate the internal management of such corporations. One of the provisions is that no company shall commence business until 10 per cent. of the capital stock has been paid in, and a graded scale of fees is provided. The act is not made retrospective in its operation. The learned Chief Justice is much to be congratulated upon his work as a revisor of the statute law.

THE British Columbia legislature is not the first body that has wrestled with what is called "the mortgage tax." It is a very difficult question to deal with—in fact one of the most difficult in the whole range of revenue questions. There is no doubt as to the correctness in theory of the position taken by the Hon. Mr. Pooley. The expediency of acting upon the theory is where the difference of opinion comes in, and we feel compelled to say that burdensome as the tax is on the borrower, it is not very clear how a government could justify its removal.

IT is said that the forthcoming election in Champlain, Quebec, may very likely to settle the Manitoba school question, for if such a strong Conservative constituency shall decide to sustain the Ministry, it may be taken for granted that Quebec wants to hear no more of this issue. We are very sure that the people of the rest of the Dominion without distinction of party would rejoice to see this troublesome matter disposed of. We want no issues in this Dominion which tend to divide the people on racial or sectarian lines.

HON. MR. TURNER very satisfactorily answered Mr. Semlin's protest against the omission of any redistribution bill from the government programme for the session. The fact that no one can tell what portion of the province may not rival Kootenay in increase of population before another twelvemonth is the best possible reason for delaying redistribution to the last moment practicable.

THE Nicaragua Canal bill died a temporary death in Congress yesterday. Senator Morgan insists on pretending that Great Britain is responsible for the defeat of the measure. He knows perfectly well that the opposition to the measure comes from New York and the great railway companies. But Senator Morgan is and always was a blatherskite of the worst kind.

THE president of the council announced yesterday that it is the intention of the government to ask the house to make the taking out of miners' licenses optional with employees in mines, and to make new provisions as to the license fees payable by mining companies. These changes are in the right direction.

THE Rossland Miner recedes from its opposition to the proposed incorporation measure and expresses its pleasure that the government has taken it in hand.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

HE FAVORS RECIPROCITY.

Hugh J. Macdonald, president of the Conservative Association of Winnipeg, and the sitting member in the Commons for that city, has expressed himself as being entirely in favor of reciprocal trade with the United States. He commends the visit of Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. L. D. Davies to Washington, and declares that any fair measure will receive his cordial support. There is one thing about Hugh John that no one can gainsay—he is a true Canadian.—Vancouver World.

TO BURDEN THE MAILS.

Now that the provincial parliament has met for the transaction of business it might be well to do a little thinking, and then send a quiet note to your member, telling him what is necessary he should do for the betterment of his constituency.—Nanaimo Mail.

A WISE CONCLUSION.

Honesty is the best policy.—The Daily Columbian.

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

A casual visitor to the house yesterday afternoon when the debate was on might have had some difficulty in deciding which of the speakers were government supporters and which were members of the opposition. Excepting the very earnest attack made by Mr. McPherson upon the Commissioner for Lands and Works, there was hardly anything to ruffle the atmosphere of a debate, which came measureably near being a political love feast. Compliments were the order of the afternoon and the criticisms were, with the exception mentioned, of the mildest kind.

The mover and seconder of the address in reply to the speech from the throne made capital speeches. They were full of meat and the points were very cleverly put. The government was very fortunate in having two such excellent representatives to open the discussion of its general policy.

Mr. Semlin, of course, led the debate in opposition, but one who did not know that he occupied the position of leader of his side of the house might have been excused for supposing that he was an independent supporter of the government. He may have quantities of ammunition in reserve, but nothing that he said yesterday discloses the nature of it. Mr. Cotton's criticism was decidedly mild, and his promise at the end of his speech to give the government a loyal support, if they introduced certain measures, sounded oddly as a peroration to an opposition speech. Mr. McPherson was very much in earnest. He has a grievance, or thinks he has, and he made no bones of saying that it is serious enough in his opinion to deprive the government of the confidence of the house, but as he sat down without offering any amendment to the address the presumption is that he is not quite certain of his own ground. Mr. Graham and Mr. Kennedy were disposed to be rather more critical than the leader of their party, but they said very little that gentlemen might not have said, who came to the house prepared to support the general policy of the administration. In fact so far as the debate has gone it has elicited nothing except more or less explicit promises from the gentlemen on the left of the Speaker to help the government carry into effect the policy outlined in the Speech.

The mildness of the opposition attack, if it may be so called, left very little for the members of the government to say. That little was very neatly said by the Premier. At the close of the session Hon. Mr. Pooley addressed himself to the mortgage tax, and in very concise terms stated one side of that very much vexed question.

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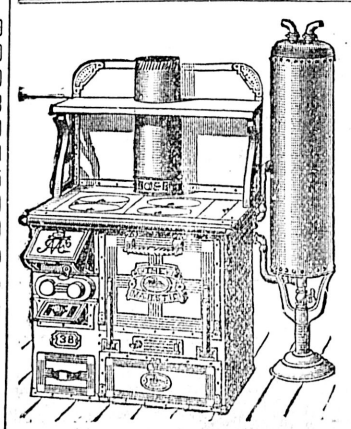

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THE CITY.

THE W.C.T.U. will hold a social at the residence of Mrs. William Grant this afternoon.

An Irish concert will be given by Perseverance lodge No. 1, I.O.G.T., on the 16th or 17th March. J. G. Brown will have charge of the programme.

THE Salvation Army will hold a War Cry demonstration at the barracks this (Thursday) evening at eight. Sergeant-Major Law and Sister Mrs. Moore will lead.

CLOTHING of any kind, or boots, would be acceptable to the Friendly Help just now. Donors can leave their names at the COLONIST office and the ladies in charge will call for the parcels.

JOHN BOYLE, an old offender, will explain to Magistrate Macrae this morning why he threw a tumbler through a mirror in the palace saloon last night. Boyle was intoxicated at the time, had been previously acting "ugly," and had been warned by the bartender but did not heed the warning. Constable Anderson arrested him at the Delmonico later in the evening.

A. H. MITCHELL, of the well known jewelry firm of Challoner, Mitchell & Co., has joined the ranks of the benedicts. The bride Miss Mary E. (Lily) Bunting. The ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's mother, 27 Fernwood road, Rev. W. Leslie Clay officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell left last evening for Rossland, where they will make their home.

MR. T. B. HALL, president, and Sir Henry P. P. Crease, vice-president, of the Victoria Rugby Football Association, desire to express their thanks to Mr. Dunsmuir for the ready and handsome manner in which he has arranged to delay the last down train from Nanaimo on Saturday next until quarter to six p.m. (after suitable public notice) to enable citizens of Victoria to attend the Rugby football match between Nanaimo Hornets and Victoria club, and return to their families the same night.

WM. BURNS, B.A., inspector of schools, gave a very interesting and instructive lecture last night in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the Young Peoples' society. The subject of the lecture was "Habits and Customs." The lecturer pointed out the origin and history of the common customs of society which result in active although unconscious habits and gave many illustrations of the tenacity with which individuals and nations cling to old associations and ideas. He also gave some amusing incidents from his own observation. A vote of thanks was tendered to the lecturer. Rev. W. L. Clay acted as chairman.

CHAS. N. YALE'S "Forever Devil's Auction" will be presented at the Victoria theatre on Monday and Tuesday evenings next, and at a grand matinee on Tuesday afternoon. Among the new specialities offered for this year's production are: Towner and Frobel, the aerial grotesques. The Teskat troupe of comic bicyclists, headed by Alexander Lecca, the famous trick rider, and The Lorella Duo, in fantastic magical scenes. Among the special features which have been arranged by Manager Yale, to take the place of former successes is "The Bicycle Craze" a pantomimic episode, in which some remarkable riding is done, and a number of bikes are manufactured from articles apparently gathered in a hap-hazard manner. There is also a new and spectacular combination of song and pantomine which Mr. Yale has designated "Weary Willie" or the "Hoboes Soiree" while his bashful maidens and timid old maids as presented by ten male and female singers, dancers, and kockabout comedians simply defy description. It is a matter of impossibility to describe or particularize every new feature offered by Manager Yale in this, the fifteenth edition of the Forever "Devil's Auction." The sale of seats opens this morning at 9 o'clock at Jamieisons.

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BOB, a Saanich Indian, had quarters in the city lock-up last night. He was driving a team of horses through the streets last night while intoxicated.

THE sale to be conducted by Auctioneer Hardaker this afternoon at 2 o'clock takes place at the residence of Mr. Hunnerfauth at the corner of Chatham and Blanchard streets.

FRED. CAESAR was discharged from custody in the police court yesterday. The evidence was wanting against him in the alleged case of obtaining money under false pretences.

ALEXANDER lodge, Sons of England, will hold their first regular meeting in their new lodge room, A.O.U.W. building, to-night, and not to-morrow (Friday) as previously announced.

THE Young Men's Liberal Club has rented the third floor of the Adelphi building and will occupy their new quarters as soon as they have been refitted and renovated. It is understood that the men of muscle in the club intend to organize an athletic association.

IN the courts yesterday the divorce case of Warren v. Warren was heard, the respondent not appearing to the charge against her, and Mr. S. D. Schultz, on behalf of the petitioner, proceeded to prove the charges as set out in the petition, producing evidence in proof of adultery. On the application of the petitioner, the respondent's misconduct was not gone into. The Court granted the order nisi, the custody of the children being confided to the petitioner, as it was shown that the respondent was not a fit and proper person to have control of them.

IN the case of Woolley v. Lowenburg, Harris & Co., the Full court to-day handed down judgment. Mr. Justice McCreight in his judgment stated that in view of the evidence adduced on the trial as to the value of the land, he could only estimate it at $40 per acre, including buildings, this being the value when the premises were mortgaged, in October, 1890. The other judges concurred, and gave judgment for $2,300 for the plaintiff instead of $5,500, as originally, the said amount of $2,300 to bear interest at 6 per cent. per annum from 4th April, 1890, until paid. The costs of the trial and of the references as to the damages to be borne by the defendants.

THE sacred concert given by the choir of the Metropolitan Methodist church last evening was largely attended and in point of excellence was fully up the high standard usually attained by that organization. The choruses were full and well taken, and the solo parts were rendered in a pleasing manner. The following is the programme: Chorus, "Hallelujah," Choir; solo, "Lead Kindly Light," Mr. Rowlands; solo, "He was despised," Mrs. Rowlands; chorus, "And the glory," Choir; solo, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," Mrs. McGraw; chorus, "We never will bow down," Choir; solo and chorus, "O, Thou that tellest," Mrs. Rowlands and Choir; "solo, "Honor and arms," Mr. Rowlands; duet, "We shall feed His flock," Mrs. McGraw and Mrs. Rowlands; chorus, "Worthy is the Lamb," Choir; doxology.

W. A. JOWETT, of Nelson, is registered at the Driard. Although Mr. Jowett is visiting Victoria in connection with his own private business he will naturally do all he can to assist the delegates appointed by the residents of that place to forward a bill for the incorporation of Nelson. Mr. Elliott, a member of the delegation, is in town and is doing good work. Messrs. Houston and Hillyer will probably arrive on Monday. The petition asking for the incorporation was signed by all the residents of Nelson, there only being one or two exceptions. It is understood that the Canadian Pacific Co., owners of considerable property in Nelson, will not place any obstacle in the way of incorporation. Mr. Jowett reports that the lake boats and the Canadian Pacific trains are making good connections, and that residents of Kootenay are greatly pleased with the reduction in rates which the Canadian Pacific has made since taking hold of the C. & K. boats.

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YUKON PLACER MINES.

The Clondyke and Its Tributaries Show Up Well—A Cutting Affray.

Among the recent arrivals at the Dominion hotel is D. Gillis from the Yukon. Mr. Gillis came down from the North on the City of Topeka, and with him were P. C. Richardson, J. McComber and A. E. Carr. The three last named stayed over in Seattle, but Mr. Gillis came on to Victoria. All four are well known on the Sound and in British Columbia. Mr. Gillis, although a young man, is an old miner. He had news to tell the COLONIST representative. "The Yukon is not a bed of roses, but is is not so bad as pictured," he said. "Over 1,500 miners are now wintering there, and many of them are doing very well. I suppose that you have heard of the new diggings on the Clondyke river. Well, they are no fizzle, but have turned out a genuine surprise, even to those interested and who were most sanguine of them. It was George McCormick, better known as "Siwash George," who discovered the Bonanza Creek placers. That was about August and there are now 400 men working there. Hunker Creek, called after its discoverer, has also very good showings and Bear Creek, midway between Bonanza and Hunker Creeks, also promises well. Some of the placers are showing up extremely rich, as high as $78 to the pan having been taken out. Rhodes' claim on the Bonanza ranges from $10 to $15 a pan. He has between $15,000 to $20,000 in the dump and has four men regularly employed and next spring he intends to put on three or four times that number. I will not deny that there are no privations, but it is mostly confined to unsuitable persons who enter the country, clerks and others who never have been accustomed to roughing it and who were naturally dissatisfied with experiences that very often try the patience of trained miners. There is not even enough work for miners in some parts of the country. Men have to "scratch" for themselves, and not rely upon others finding them work. Those who cannot do that had better stay away. I advise all who intend entering the country to take at least six months provisions, as supplies generally are very low at Clondyke, the new placer mines; much more so than at Circle City. It might be well here to suggest that someone with a keen eye to business could make money by bringing in several tons of supplies, and selling to the miners. He could get good prices.

"The miners appreciate the work the mounted police are doing, and are satisfied with the manner in which Chief Constantine, of that force, is administering justice at Forty-Mile Creek, and throughout that country. Recently there has only been one cutting affray. 'Lawn' Cooper and Wm. Calder had a drunken quarrel, and 'Lawn' Cooper seriously cut Calder about the abdomen. The police doctor attended to Calder's injuries, and he soon recovered. Cooper was arrested, and at the time we left—December—was out on $900 bail. The health of the miners generally is very good. There have been no deaths since last you heard from that country.

"There are several samples of quartz in my possession, and I intend to get assays on them. I shall return about April. It is a good country and I want to be there; but it is no place for a 'tenderfoot.'"

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The St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co., of Tacoma; the Bellingham Bay Co., of New Whatcom, and one Gray's Harbor mill have refused to enter the organization. It is, however, probable the other mills which have not signed, outside of those that have refused, will join the association. A preliminary meeting has already been held, and another one will shortly take place in San Francisco. It is alleged that the object of the organization is not to force big prices, but rather to extend foreign trade, and secure a uniform price in foreign markets. Operation will not commence before the beginning of spring.

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The following team will represent the "Districts" in their match with the Y.M.C.A. Saturday next at the Hill: Forwards: J. R. Gaudin, C. Schwengers, F. J. Patton, F. A. Futcher, — Naftel, E. S. Tuck, A. E. Byrne and J. Bridgman; half-backs, P. R. Daniles and T. P. Patton; forwards, W. Fisher, J. S. Byrne, E. J. Daniles and A. N. Other; full-back, A. Goward.

VICTORIA V. NANAIMO HORNETS.

The following team will travel to the Coal City on Saturday next to represent the Victoria club against the Hornets in the game scheduled for that day: Full back, P. Falconer; three-quarters, H. Petticrew, C. Gamble and K. Scholefield; halves, H. B. Haines (captain), A. T. Goward; forwards, L. Crease, A. D. Crease, D. Macdonald, W. R. G. Atkins, J. K. Macrae, J. H. Austin, Wm. O'Brien, A. Langley; reserves, A. V. Innes, B. W. Pinder. There have been a number of spectators who have expressed their willingness to travel to Nanaimo and witness the game, as Mr. James Dunsmuir has kindly consented to hold the afternoon train until 5:30 that evening, thus enabling the team and all others to return the same evening.

Y.M.C.A. VS. "BARRACKS."

The return game between these teams will be played at Beacon Hill Saturday, game commencing at 2:45. The Y. M. C. A. team is made up as follows: Goal, R. Lorimer; backs, W. York and F. Cullin; half backs, H. Scott, W. A. Lorimer and Walter Winsby; forwards, W. Noot, J. Noot, J. W. Goward, W. N. Winsby and L. York. Reserve, W. McKeown.

The Y.M.C.A. Rugby Football Club will practice in the association "gym." to-night commencing at 8 o'clock.

THERE is a rare musical treat in store for those who attend the concert at St. James' hall this evening, in aid of the church fund and under the patronage of the Lieut.-Governor, the Bishop of Columbia, and His Worship the Mayor. The valentine features of the entertainment will be particularly interesting, especially the beautiful embroidered heart-shaped souvenirs, each one in itself being a work of art. Instrumental selections will be given by Mr. R. Nash, Miss E. J. Walker, of the Conservatory of Music, and Miss Russell, while Miss Sharp, Mrs. Willoughby Anderson, Miss Hartnagle, and Messrs. Greig, Booth, Russell, and other well known favorites will sustain the vocal portion of the programme.

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DEBATE ON THE SPEECH

Provincial Legislature Gets Down to Work and Discuss the Government Policy.

Both Sides of One Accord as to Sending Relief to Famine Stricken India.

The provincial legislature got down to work yesterday, the debate on the reply to the speech from the throne taking up the whole afternoon, and not being finished by 6 o'clock it was adjourned till to-day.

Mr. Speaker took his seat at 2 o'clock sharp, and Rev. Dr. Campbell offered up the opening prayer. The presentation of petitions for private bills were:

Mr. Helmcken—South Kootenay Water & Power Co.; Okanagan Water Power Co.

Mr. Hunter—Cumberland and Union Water Co.

Mr. Booth—West Kootenay Water & Light Co.

Mr. Kellie—Revelstoke Water & Electric Light Co.; Revelstoke, Trout Lake & Big Bend Telephone Co.

Mr. Graham—Fairview Power, Water & Telephone Co.; and a petition from R. L. Cawston and others favoring the bill.

These preliminaries being settled, the consideration of the speech from the throne was taken up, Mr. Joseph Hunter, the member from Comox, having the honor of moving the reply.

Mr. Hunter in rising to make the first speech of the session was received with applause by both sides of the house, and then the members of the house settled back in their seats to hear what he had to say.

"Only once before, Mr. Speaker," he said, "have I found myself face to face with the responsibility which I have accepted to-day of moving the address in reply to the speech from the throne, and I do not think, sir, that on any former occasion has it been less necessary for the mover of the address to enter into any lengthy details or make any lengthy criticism in respect to the subject matter of the speech, than on the present occasion. We have here, Mr. Speaker, a very exhaustive, impartial and interesting review of the condition of those various provincial interests which naturally fall within the scope of provincial legislation, and so I think, under the circumstances, it might be sufficient for me, indeed it might be wise on my part, simply to say that I fully confirm my adherence to the principles and the policy here enunciated and that I intend willingly and confidently to support all measures that may be brought forward to promote the progress and prosperity of the province.

"But, sir, I think, if only for the purpose of promoting discussion and of furnishing argumentative food for hon. members opposite, it is necessary for me to briefly refer to the most prominent topics contained in the speech from the throne, and I can assure the hon. leader of the opposition that I will only for a very short time stand in the way of that laudable zeal which two days ago before the youth, beauty and fashion of the country he displayed for economizing the time of the house.

"And first of all, Mr. Speaker, it must be gratifying to this house to know that from every quarter of the province late discoveries in the fields of mining go to show abundantly the great and latent possibilities of the country in this important industry are now becoming understood and taken advantage of. It is certainly very satisfactory to find that the public revenue for 1895-96 exceeded that of the previous year by the respectable amount of $93,739.64. Indeed, sir, if you will glance over the statement of revenue of the province since that glorious day when responsible institutions were first introduced a quarter of a century ago, you will find that the revenue of the year just past exceeds—with the exception of 1891-1892, 1892-1893, two years of unexampled prosperity—that of any other year during that long period—a condition of things which cannot fail to commend itself to the people at large. But, sir, there is another feature in this connection which must not be lost sight of. Under the ordinary condition of affairs it is not uncommon that an increase of revenue is attended with a corresponding increase in the expenditure of the country; and we have often heard on the floor of this house elaborate arguments to show how increased revenue means increased expenditure. But, sir, I find that while the revenue of the country increased $93,739.64, as already stated, the net expenditure decreased by $292,201.37. This result, sir, I think, may safely be credited to the wise and economical methods of the administration.

"In respect to the coal industry, although it is to be regretted that the results from this material source of our prosperity were less during last year than in some previous years, the quantity exported under the circumstances was not to be despised. Have you any idea, sir, at the present moment, of the enormous development which has taken place in this industry since it became a settled factor in our provincial wealth and importance. I find, sir, that in 1866 the coal produced in the province amounted to 25,115 tons, while in the following decade to 1876 it had increased to 136,192 per annum. An increase of no less that 515 per cent., if I may be allowed to put it in that way. In the next decade, 1886, the increase was 326,637 tons, or an increase of 235 per cent., and coming down to 1895 I find the production to have been 939,654, or an increase over 1886 of 257 per cent. Now, sir, in connection with its great progress the question naturally arises how long will it last and will this and all the concomitant conditions of development be rudely interrupted in the near future by the exhaustion of our coal measures? Mr. Speaker, there is every indication that the contrary will be the case. Recent discoveries, Mr. Speaker, coupled with the pronouncements of science, go abundantly to prove that the coal measures of the country are, as far as the mind can grasp the subject, practically inexhaustible—10,000,000 tons have already been taken from our coal measures, and considering the narrow limits within which the operations of coal mines have been confined, it is not going beyond the bounds of reason to affirm that many future generations will have come and gone before the coal measures of the country show any signs of collapse.

"It is very satisfactory to note that the revenue from the timber industry appears to have increased since last year by the sum of $14,933.03, being in 1894-95, $16,581.09, and in 1895-96, $31,514.12. That is an increase arising, I presume, partly from the revival of the timber business and partly from improved methods of making the collections.

"Coming to the subject of agriculture, there cannot be two opinions that the agricultural interests of the country are of prime importance, and the attention of this house cannot be too forcibly called to the necessity which exists for using every legitimate means of fostering the farming industry.

"The question of irrigation, although only incidentally referred to, is one of very great and pressing importance, as there are large areas of the public domain in immediate proximity to the centres of trade which need but a bountiful supply of water to form valuable additions to the productive capacity of the country. I think, sir, that the government might well carry out a well devised scheme of irrigation, and I hope special attention will be devoted to the subject.

"Dairy farming, Mr. Speaker, is in a satisfactory condition and it is encouraging to find that the productions of the British Columbia creameries are sold in almost every portion of the province. The industry of fruit raising, Mr. Speaker, is a most important one and it has been fully demonstrated that extensive areas of the province are admirably adapted to the production of the finest kinds of fruit. I have the authority, sir, of a gentleman from Eastern Canada well versed in fruit growing, who happened to be present at an exhibition lately held in the constituency represented by the hon. the leader of the opposition, for stating that the display of fruit on that occasion was far ahead of anything he had ever seen in the eastern provinces. Whether or not this result is to be attributed in any sense to the able manner in which the hon. leader of the opposition represents that constituency," said Mr. Hunter, jokingly, "I know not, but as that hon. gentleman is prone to give Providence all the credit and the government none of it for the prosperity and progress of the country, I am afraid I cannot give that hon. gentleman any credit whatever for the big apples of Ashcroft.

"Passing on, Mr. Speaker, to probably the most important paragraph in the speech, in which we are promised a definite railway policy, it seems to me incumbent on the government to make that policy a liberal one. It must have been evident to every hon. gentleman in the house that the indefinite and exceptional policy hitherto pursued in respect to the different railway problems which have been submitted to this house is no longer possible and it is to be hoped that the railway legislation of the present session will be such as to put all companies and corporations engaged in promoting railway construction on exactly the same plane. There is to my mind, sir, no reasonable excuse for giving governmental assistance to a railway into the Kootenay country and withholding assistance from a railway destined to reach the rich and limitless gold fields of Cariboo. Nor is there any reason why a railway into Cariboo should be subsidized to any greater extent than a railway into Cassiar. Governmental assistance being equitable and just to all the inherent character of every railway enterprise will be a controlling factor in determining the possibility of its accomplishment. The same principles may, to some extent at least, be applied to the public roads of the country, which it may be observed have not hitherto been constructed in accordance with any scientific principles.

"I cannot say, sir," said Mr. Hunter, smiling, "that I share very extensively in the pleasure which His Honor feels in the fact that the highest tribunal in the Empire has deprived the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company of the precious metals in the railway belt, although I shall be glad to find that the decision arrived will be in the interest of all concerned.

"And now, Mr. Speaker, I must refer to that paragraph in the speech which calls for an expression of loyalty to our beloved sovereign — Queen Victoria. I know of no figure in history—ancient or modern — more striking or interesting or more to be revered or honored. Her life, sir, from the time when as a blushing maiden she accepted the crown and the queenly responsibility of the greatest empire the world has ever seen, has challenged and has received the respect and admiration of the civilized world as a shining example of goodnesa and of virtue. And now, Mr. Speaker, I think I have redeemed my promise. I have touched upon the most prominent matters in the speech, and have not interfere too seriously with the time of the house, I, therefore, have very much pleasure in moving the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne." (Applause.)

Mr. Stoddart, of East Lillooet, in seconding the reply said:

"I do not intend to take up your time or attention to any great length this afternoon in speaking to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, as the able mover, the hon. member from Comox, has already very fully covered the ground, and presented his views, as usual, with much force and clearness. With the mover I beg to join hands in congratulating the country and the government upon the improvement which has taken place in this province, as compared with this time last year. It is a matter upon which we all may express satisfaction that the predictions then made as to the improved business outlook have been fully realized. We have so often been disappointed in this country in having bright anticipations come to naught, that it is really, as I say, with great satisfaction that we may view the condition of affairs at the present time.

"The speech from the throne refers prominently to the mining development which has taken place throughout the province, and which is being conducted with great activity at the present time, and with the promise of still greater development in the near future. The activity in British Columbia mining matters has set the pace for the whole of the Dominion, and we now hear of all kinds of mining enterprises from one end of the Dominion to the other.

"Even the people of Western Ontario, which is as level as the prairies of Manitoba, are getting excited over quartz finds. We are all very glad to find that all the wealth in minerals is not confined to British Columbia, because what helps the whole of Canada must help us, and as Canadians it is something for us to be proud of that we are part and parcel of a country so rich, and especially that we inhabit the richest part of it. With respect to mining matters in general, we have all heard so much of it of late that anything I might say would neither be new nor interesting. In fact every man you meet in this country now has either a piece of rock or a prospectus of a mining company in his pocket. In regard to my own district, that of Lillooet, especially in the West Riding, I am glad to say that it is coming to the front with the other sections of the province, and the prospects are that it will soon rank well up as a producing district. The Golden Cache group, of which you have all heard, is a very rich proposition, and for the amount of development work that has been done upon it shows as well as any other mine in the province—if not a little better. The company has a two stamp mill at Ashcroft and will erect it as soon as the road which they are constructing is completed. Several claims have been located on Pool creek, perhaps better known as Blackwater, Pemberton portage, and the locators intend to develop them in the spring. Between Ashcroft and Clinton a Colorado company is doing a large lot of development work in a quiet way without offering any stock for sale, and I believe they are well satisfied with the showing.

"Lillooet district has been a gold producer for over thirty years, and in the last seventeen years has averaged about $70,000, which has been mined in a crude way. I believe the Bridge River section would be a good locality for the prospector to spend a summer in, and is specially mentioned in the Gold Commissioner's mining report. I would just like to say, while on this subject, that the only drawback which the future of the industry presents to my mind is that of over speculation and promotion of mining companies. The number of companies that have been incorporated and the enormous capitalization, amounting to something like $25,000,000, are ridiculous, and not only are they ridiculous, but it is a matter of grave concern to the mining interests themselves because I can conceive of nothing more harmful than having so much capital invested in mining companies which really does not go into the mines at all, but into the pockets of speculators and company promoters.

"Another danger is that many of these companies represent properties which may prove worthless, and instead of drawing capital to the province and employing it profitably, it will tend largely to drive it away and disgust people having money with mining propositions altogether. My idea is that the law governing the formation of companies should be changed so that 10 per cent. of the capital should be paid up before being incorporated. This would be a guarantee of the bona fides of any enterprise and would prevent over capitalization. It would, in fact, put the company business on a solid foundation, and is the only solution of the whole question that I know of.

"I notice that the government intend submitting as measure to amend the Companies Act. This I think very necessary, and I submit the proposition I have referred to for the sincerest consideration of the government in connection with the amendment to this law. With reference to the timber industry, which I see mentioned, I may say that for the purpose of conserving the timber as much as possible and the benefits of the industry to the province, I recommend the placing of an export duty on logs, and I trust that this house may see its way clear to pass a resolution during the present session calling the attention of the Dominion government to the necessity of moving in this direction. I am not a strong protectionist or a believer in protection for protection's sake, but my motto is that Canada should be for the Canadians so far as the principle can be applied without injury. Our timber wealth is important and our forests extensive, but if the trees are cut down and the logs floated into the United States to be sawn in their mills, our timber will be of very little good to us, the chief benefit of any natural resource being the industry which rises out of it and the labor which it gives to our own people. I may say that the same remark applies largely to ore. I believe we should have an export duty on ores going into the United States which would prevent what we see contemplated at the present time, that is, the building of a smelter by Canadian capital at Northport just on the other side of the Canadian line. If we can have that smelter in British Columbia we are just that much better off, and I believe in taking every legitimate means towards that end.

"It is a matter of very great satisfaction to me, and I presume to all the members, especially those who represent agricultural districts, to know that the encouragement given to dairy farming last session has been productive of so much good, and that several paying creameries have been established, and that more are likely to be established in the near future. So far as I have been able to learn, and to judge of its quality, I believe that we are now making as good butter as there is in Canada, and the conditions in respect to feed and water in some districts will enable the British Columbia farmers to compete successfully with any butter in the world. And I want to say right here that in Lillooet, in my own district, there is the best opening for one or two good creameries that there is in any part of British Columbia or in the whole of Canada. We have plenty of good pasture land, excellent water, and a great number of dairy cows in close proximity in the Lac-La-Hache valley. The market for butter on account of the opening of the Cariboo mines and the large numbers of men employed in them, would afford a splendid demand at first-class prices. I believe that if some good man with experience and some capital were to go to that section of Lillooet or Cariboo district he would find a creamery about as good a proposition as the mines about which we hear so much.

"So far as fruit growing is concerned, our prospects in that direction are limited, but I have no doubt that with irrigation, which some day or other is a problem to be solved by the people, we could grow fruit and plenty of it, to more than supply the local demand; and in this connection I am pleased to see so much general interest being taken in agriculture throughout the province.

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The British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act authorizing it to issue bonds to the extent of thirty thousand dollars per mile of its railway including an extension from its eastern terminus in an easterly direction to MacLeod or to a point on the line of the Calgary and MacLeod Railway and thence easterly to Lethbridge, and to make such agreements for conveying or leasing the Company's railway and its rights and powers as is usually given to railway companies in their acts of incorporation, and for other purposes.

GEMMILL & MAY,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Ottawa, 20th January, 1897. ja28

NOTICE is hereby given that the British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session, for an act to declare the said British Columbia Southern Railway Company to be a body corporate and politic within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, and the company's railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, also to authorize the extension of the line of the said railway from its eastern terminus in the Crow's Nest Pass, across and over the eastern boundary of British Columbia, into the Province of Alberta, thence in an easterly direction to MacLeod, or to a point on the line of the Calgary and MacLeod Railway, and there to connect with the same, and thence easterly to Lethbridge.

GEMMILL & MAY,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Ottawa, 18th September, 1896. ja28

NOTICE

We hereby give notice that application will be made at the next sittings of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for the transfer of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail at the Saint George's Hotel, Esquimalt Road, from ourselves to Mrs. Ann Rothwell.

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[Countersigned.]
W. H. LANGLEY,
Victoria, B.C.,
Notary Public.
Victoria, B.C., January 23rd, 1897. ja26

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELYEA,
de16 Solicitor for the Applicants.

In the Matter of the Land Registry Act,

And in the Matter of the Title to Lot 994, in the City of Victoria.

Notice is hereby given that Gustav Sutro will be registered as the owner in fee of the above mentioned lot at the expiration of three calendar months from this date if no objection be made to the contrary within that time by some person claiming title to the same.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General of Titles.
Land Registry Office, Victoria,
January 19th, 1897. ja19

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased,

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the above-named deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
49 Langley street, Victoria, B.C.,
no25 Solicitor for the Administrator.

The Lanark Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Limited L'y.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the share and stockholders of the above-named Company will be held at the registered offices of such company, situate at 163 Cordova street, in the city of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, on the 6th day of March, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing resolutions authorizing the above-named company to sell and dispose of the whole or any part or portion of its property and assets.

Dated this 6th day of February, 1897.

By order
J. BUNTZEN,
fe6 Secretary.

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of William Johnson, Deceased.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above named William Johnson, deceased, are hereby required forthwith to pay, and all persons having any claim against the said estate are required to send particulars thereof duly verified, to the undersigned not later than the 20th day of February, A D. 1897, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the estate, having regard to those claims only of which they shall have had notice.

Tenders for the purchase of section ninety-two (92) Lake District, the property of the deceased, one acre of which was, by instrument in writing, dated the 8th day of March, 1890, leased to George A. Perrin, with an option of purchase in the event of the sale of the remainder of the said property, at a price per acre equal to the highest price per acre obtained for the balance of the said property, which said instrument was by deed dated 21st December, 1891, assigned to William McKeon, Jr., will also be received up to the said 20th day of February, addressed to DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN, Solicitors for the Executors. ja19

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TENDERS.

NOTICE.

Lease of Timber Limits

EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to 4 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, 25th February, 1897, from any person, persons or corporation, for permission to lease the undermentioned lands for the purpose of cutting spars, timber or lumber, subject to the provisions of the "Land Act," and amendments thereto, viz.:

Lots 260, 261 and 262, Group 1, East Kootenay District, containing in the aggregate 2,680 acres

The competitor offering the highest bonus will be entitled to a lease of the premises for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque to cover the cost of survey, $800.00, the first year's rental, $402 00, and the amount of the bonus tendered. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 20th January, 1897. ja17

NOTICES.

[L.S.] E. DEWDNEY.

CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature;

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Monday, the Eighth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 29th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

By command.
JAMES BAKER,
de31 Provincial Secretary.

Legislative Assembly

Private Bills.

NOTICE.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on Monday, the 22nd day of February, 1897.

Bills must be presented on or before the 1st day of March, 1897.

Reports from the Standing Committees on Private Bills will not be received after the 8th day of March, 1897.

If any of the Rules above referred to are suspended, the promoters of all Bills taking the benefit of such suspension of said Rules, will be required to pay double fees.

Authority to act as Parliamentary Agent during the session may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1897.

THORNTON FELL.
ja13 Clerk Legislative Assembly.

NOTICE.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within Victoria City, South Victoria and Esquimalt Electoral Districts, North Saanich, Rupert, Sayward, Quatsino, Coast and Queen Charlotte Island Land Districts, with parts of Barclay and Clayoquot Districts assessed by me, are payable at my office.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.

Three quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

If paid on or before the 30th day of June, 1897:

Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.

One-half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

Upon such excess of income when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

Two and one-half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

Provincial Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita (residents of Victoria City excepted.)

CORNELIUS BOOTH,
January 2nd, 1897. Assessor and Collector. ja12

L. P. FISHER, Newspaper Advertising Agent 21 Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco is our authorized agent. This paper is kept on file in his office. j-8

FOR COLD WEATHER.

DAME FASHION COMPLACENTLY AWAITS ITS COMING.

Wool, Silk, Velvet and Fur—Popular Colors—An Olive Green French Broadcloth Gown—Velvet—French Girdles—New Waists and Blouses.

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That summer is gone and cold weather not far away is brought forcibly to mind when one sees the first fur trimmed gown. I was looking regretfully at the last of the exquisite lawns and other filmy stuffs which have made the summer girl the theme of many a poem and admiring group. These dainty thin stuffs now lie carelessly huddled on the bargain counter reduced to something-or-another-nine cents. Hands roughened by toil now finger the delicate fabrics and toss them aside as "out," and then the scorners of organdies and their ilk turn to the winter display. Sic transit gloria mundi! The king is dead; long live the queen of fashion!

Now it is wool, silk and velvet in place of the sheer mulls and muslins, and, given a few days to recover from the shock of sudden change, we shall

VELVET AND FUR TRIMMED GOWNS.

soon be expressing our admiration of the warm and cozy winter girl, with her rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes. I think I have mentioned the different shaggy and woolly effects on the different standard and novelty goods. Today I found a very odd and new weave that is very rich and handsome. It is woven in two colors—a warm reddish brown and black. The brown lies under and the black over the surface and is thrown up in tiny black knobs, and these form small diamonds, with no brown showing more than a line in width upon any part. The whole effect was one of rich but quiet elegance. There were other undertints—almond green, blue, red, etc.—but none had the same warmth of tone as the brown.

While I think of it, I will mention that I see a great deal of brown, all with a warm orange or saffron tint, which is more comforting than the rather hard snuff browns seen last. Chestnut brown is brought out in satins with great richness of quality. Brown cloths and cheviots, as well as all the other standard mixtures, are seen in capes and other wraps, and also in the great doubled blanket shawls which will be so stylishly worn this winter. These are in small checks, in two tones or colors, or with a plain center and plaid border, or all large plaid in clan colors, though rarely the brightest. They are fine in texture, and when properly worn are extremely stylish. They are very valuable as a wrap for travelers, as they are susceptible to so many changes.

Velvet in dresses is superb, and if possible every lady should own one. Princess form is the best to display a fine figure, but even a princess could not be handsomer than one shown me today. The skirt was so cleverly sewed and made that no seam was visible, and it fitted smoothly over the hips and hung in two deep folds in the back. All around the skirt, in low festoons, was a band of extra rich cream white satin sewed with jet beads in a slender but graceful pattern. The dress was a rich chestnut brown. The waist fitted closely across the back, without seam. The front was cut away to allow a vest of lace above a rush green girdle. There was a border of the white satin and a flaring collar of the same. The collar was simply bound with velvet, while the flat band was beaded. The sleeves were unique. The upper portion was of the satin, beaded, and the lower of the velvet, with narrow chatelaine cuffs of satin. A fancy lace cravat bow at the throat finished it. The whole costume was most elegant. With this there was a Duchess d'Uzes hat of brown velvet, with a frill of black silk mull and a real bird of paradise. All are not real that perch upon hats and bonnets, for

NEW WAISTS.

French art has imitated the priceless birds so closely that it needs an expert to tell which is what.

While it is rather early for furs in the general acceptance of the term, fur trimmings on different garments may be displayed after the 1st of October. I saw an olive green French broadcloth dress trimmed with three four inch bands of dyed beaver. The skirt was cut with seven gores. One band of fur was put at the bottom, another 12 inches above and a third 12 inches below the waist. All these completely encircled the skirt. The corsage was round, and at the waist line there were four rows of white lace encircling it like a girdle. The upper portion of the corsage was of the cloth slashed and lapped on the left side under a fancy head. The sleeves had three small puffs. The rest of the chatelaine sleeve was of velvet. The hat to wear with this was of brown felt with bronze roses and three empire plumes.

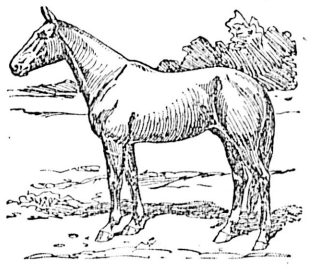
The girdle is becoming very popular and is produced in an infinite variety of shapes and fancies. It is very becoming to slender figures. The Louis XVI corsages, coats and basques are still in favor. The sleeves are tight in most cases, with jockeys, frills or some sort of extraneous matter set on to blind the eyes. House gowns will have trains, varying only by the wearer's taste. Nearly all bodices have points in front, and many have the corselet, but this is such an extreme fancy it cannot gain a foothold here. Double skirts are often seen, and about seven out of every ten dresses have some sort of foot trimming. White cloth sewed with fine soutache used as bands is one of the most striking as well as elegant trimmings possible to imagine. A very elaborate corsage to a tan cloth gown had a five folded girdle with a maize vest above. This girdle and the puffs on the shoulders were of rush green faille. There was a short Eton jacket of the green, with the lapels faced with cream satin. There was a figaro of olive green velvet, and the two jackets were bordered with gold braid. A terra cotta wool armure had the front cut away to show a tucked vest of tan satin, and the whole was ornamented with gilt buttons and embroidery. A French blue corsage in nun's veiling had the front of shirred taffeta, with two frills of white lace arranged like bretelles. The sleeves had scanty little puffs at the top, with white lace where they joined the sleeves. The tendency is more to have snug waists and basques and to ornament them in the most lavish manner than to have the delightful French waists, but both they and the blouse will have their votaries. A dainty design in a foulard had both waist and skirt laid in full box plaits all around. The sleeves were made in the same way. A frilled lace yoke and pointed lace girdle finished the pretty dress.

HENRIETTE ROUSSEAU.

PATCHEN'S POWER PERENNIAL.

How the Famous Stallion Regains His Winning Stride.

The wonderful recuperative ability of Joe Patchen, the famous pacing horse, is something that has for several seasons astonished all who have watched his work. At the beginning of the present campaign he was a long way out of racing condition. He had been mated to more than 40 mares, and his practice on the track had been limited to mere jog trots for exercise. As a result he lost several races and began to be classed by those ignorant of his capabilities among the ex-favorites and "has



JOE PATCHEN.

beens." A little later, however, when the grand black began to understand the calls made upon him for the old time gait, he commenced to fight for his head and fairly begged for the privilege of letting himself out.

Since then Trainer Curry has gradually unlimbered him, and now he is apparently in better form than he has ever been before in his life. Although he does not win every time he enters a race, he always gives a good account of himself, and frequently surprises owner, trainer and all by some marvelous exhibition of latent speed. What more he will do is hard to say, but that he will surpass his record at least once more during the season is confidently believed.

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Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

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Headache, yet CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

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THE TOWN OF GRAND FORKS Has sprung into existence within the last year; early in the spring the place consisted of a few houses. Owing to the rapid opening of the Mines and the travel and traffic consequent on between 4,000 and 6,000 claims having been located, there are now estimated to be over 200 houses and 500 people residing in the town. The principal buildings consist of a three-story and several two-story Hotels, General Stores, Butchers, Bakers, Post Office, The Grand Forks Miner Newspaper Office, Brewery, Assembly Rooms, &c., &c., and all the usual Dry Goods, Millinery, Furniture and other businesses, which with several fine dwellings go to make up a busy town. Surveyors, Lawyers, Assayers, Real Estate Agents, Share and Mine Brokers are now established in business in this place.

AN APPLICATION Is now pending to the Provincial Legislature for an Act of Incorporation, and notices given of two separate Private Bills for Water, Electric Light and Power Companies, also Telephone, Water, etc. All in connection with and to supply the Town of Grand Forks and Suburbs.

LOTS OF 25X120 FEET Are now selling in the Townsite as at present laid out at prices from **$250 to $550.** These lots run about 14 to the acre.

Suburban Five-Acre Blocks

Equal to about 70 Townsite Lots, will be offered for sale on Most Reasonable Terms and at prices which are less per acre than the price of a single Townsite Lot.

This Sale will Commence on Thursday, the 14th January, 1897,

and affords opportunity for investment in property in a District now universally acknowledged as the coming Mining Centre of the Province.

These Blocks are Adapted for Residences, Orchards or Future Subdivision.

OF THE FUTURE PROSPECTS Of the District, but few words are necessary. Three Lines of Railway are projected to and through this property. The Spokane Falls & Northern are reported to be ready to build in the spring; the Columbia & Western Line, as may be seen at the Lands and Works Office, is projected through the land; The People's Line from the Coast also passes this point, and the C.P.R. Surveyors have run lines through the land during the past year.

A POWERFUL MINING & SMELTING CO. Report their intention of building a **500-Ton Smelter** in the close proximity of this land, and the owners have been applied to for a site for this purpose. Such an industry is warranted from the fact that the Great Volcanic Mine, said to be the largest deposit of copper gold ore now known, purposes to smelt the product of their mine at this point. The Projected Roads make it the most convenient receiving and shipping point, and a leading Bank is said to be about to open an Agency, as the employment of the requiaed labor will circulate a no small sum of money each month.

Maps of the District, Subdivision Maps, etc., can be seen and all information as to Prices and Terms obtained on application to

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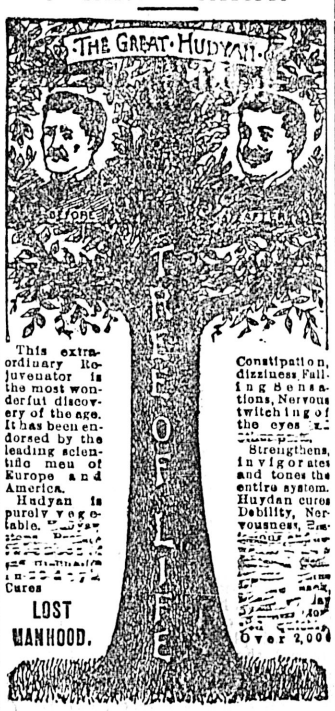

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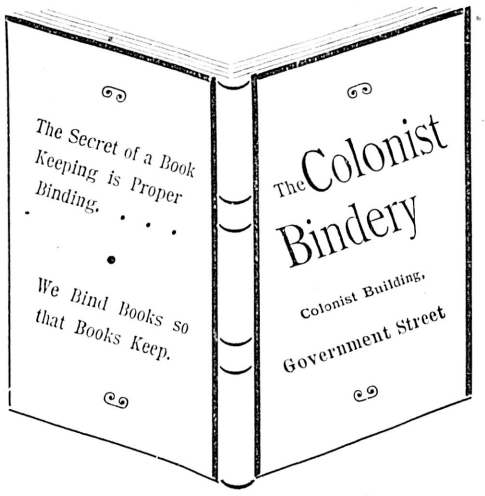

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Victoria, B.C., November, 1896. GEO. GILLESPIE, Manager.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN, Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a railway of standard or narrow guage from a point on the Stikeen river to a point on or near Dease Lake, in the District of Cassiar, with power to extend to the northern and eastern confines of British Columbia, and to construct and operate branch lines, and telegraph and telephone lines, and to construct and maintain wharves, docks, warehouses, and to expropriate lands for the above purposes, together with all other usual, necessary or incidental powers in the premises.

DUMBLETON & INNES, Solicitors and Agents for Applicants.
Victoria, B.C., January, 1897. ja8

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of acquiring mining rights over unoccupied parts of the Cottonwood river, Cariboo District, and the banks thereof between the points A and B on a plan in the possession of the undersigned: also to divert the water from portions of the bed of said river, and to take, use, appropriate and divert the waters of said Cottonwood river, and of Swift river, Lightning Creek and Chislom Creek, or any tributaries of the same, and to build flumes and lay pipes, and to supply said water for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, electrical, domestic and other purposes, and for other powers and privileges incidental or conducive to the aforesaid objects

Dated this 30th day of December, 1896.

jal P. C. DUNLEY

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THE THERMOMETER.

ESQUIMALT STATION, Feb. 10, 1897.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	42·	Mean 43·	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	41.		
9 a.m..	43.	Highest 50·	5 a.m.—Calm. 1 p.m.—12 S.W. 9 p.m.—Calm.
1 p.m..	47·		
5 p.m..	46·	Lowest 40·	Rain—.14. Cloudy. No Sunshine.
9 p.m..	41·		

Barometer 9 a. m.... {Observed .... 30.000 {Reduced.... 29.998

E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

"TAKE THIS TO SO-AND-SO," either printed or lithographed on the back of your prescriptions is not always an instruction from your doctor—only a druggists way of advertising. Ask the doctor and he will be willing for you to go to your own druggist. If he objects; let your druggist know.

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Per steamer ROSALIE from the Sound—D Gillis, T Fall, T Peters, W Jones and wife, A Smith.

Per steamer CHARMER from Vancouver—A Abbott, F V Bodwell, R Collister, D W Gillies, J W McFarland, C W A Jowett, E McPherson, H Wheeler, A A Brown, T J Conroy, J C Creighton, D G Smith, Mrs Carmichael, H S Simmons, J S French, M J Roche, C E Brown, B Norman, W E Flumerfelt, J Collart, J P Geddis, Hon S Tollemache, A C Carbonne, D Elliott, J Brown, H B Clark, R Barker, A C Martin, Lea Shuce.

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BIRTHS.

IRELAND—At 52 Menzies street, February 9th, the wife of Chas. Ireland, of a daughter.

PERSONAL.

A. C. Martin returned last night from a trip to Europe.

Hon. S. Tollemache came over from the Mainland last night.

W. C. and Mrs. Brown, Somenos, are registered at the Dominion.

F. V. Bodwell was a passenger by the Charmer from the Mainland.

J. S. French and R. Collister came from the Terminal City last night.

W. E. Flumerfelt came over from the Mainland by the Charmer last night.

J. C. and Mrs. Voss left for Hamburg yesterday morning on a visit to friends.

H. Abbott, superintendent C.P.R., and his secretary, Mr. Geddes, are at the Driard.

Mrs. R. and Mrs. A. A. Brown, of Port Townsend, are registered at the Dominion.

Mrs. S. Jones has returned from Seattle, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Howe.

BUTLER ALIAS ASHE.

More About the Bloody-Handed Australian Murderer—His Identity Beyond Doubt.

PERTH, South Australia, Feb. 10.—The identification by the San Francisco police of Frank Butler as Richard Ashe has attracted considerable attention throughout Australia. It has been ascertained here that Richard Ashe was sentenced to a term of imprisonment between 1893 and 1896. He went to Coolgardie in January, 1896, remaining until August of the same year. An assayer's certificate belonging to Frank Herwood was stolen at that time. The police at the convict station at Fremantle identified Butler's photographs and claim that he is identical with Richard Ashe.

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Stub's Vegetable Blood Purifier—purely vegetable. x

Try Lawrence's home made candy. x

Try Lawrence's Table de Hote dinner.

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DEBATE ON THE SPEECH.

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For, after all, agriculture is the most staple and valuable industry of the country. Mines will become exhausted in time, and so will our fisheries and our forests, but farming is always productive. I may say that the announcement that an act is to be introduced for the encouragement of farmers' institutes, meets with my hearty approval, and I hope to see organization among the farmers become general. There is no line of industry in which intelligent effort is more required.

"With reference to a railway policy, for which the people have been calling so loudly, and which I see referred to in the speech from the throne, I am like most of the people in the province, in favor of a vigorous and progressive policy looking to the development of transportation facilities in all parts of the province; in fact, a man who said he was not in favor of a bold, vigorous railway policy, would be promptly sat upon and classed with the fossils and mossbacks of the country. My idea of a railway policy, however, is different from that entertained by a good many people who are shouting for it the loudest. Some of these have schemes of their own to further, and their idea of a progressive railway policy seems to be to get charters and let the government find the money to build them, while they own them. My view is that the government should regard the building of railways as a business proposition, and if they are required to assist further with money or lands, that they should have a direct interest and ownership in the railway to the extent of their subsidy of contribution. If the railway is not a business proposition, with fair prospects of success financially, the government should have nothing to do with it. The time, in my opinion, has gone when governments should give charters and money and land grants to company promoters, or to charter promoters who have neither a dollar of their own invested, nor have a dollar to invest.

"I am in favor of the government assisting railways within the limits of the country's financial ability; but I do not believe in the country assuming liabilities for railways or any other purpose which there is not a reasonable prospect of paying without overburdening the people. It is better to do without public improvements than go too deeply in debt. If the country develops as rapidly as we expect it to do, the means to build railways, roads and other public works will easily be found without assuming too much liability.

"When I say that I am opposed to the system that has been in vogue in the way of assisting railways, I do not refer particularly to this government—because every government in Canada has been, and is doing, the same thing. It is the traditional policy of the country—all the same, it is a bad one—and the time has now arrived, I am fully convinced, when a new and better, and more businesslike policy must be adopted. In our district we are not asking much; but we have our needs like all other districts, and I hope to see, with the increased revenue rising out of mines, a wagon road built from Lytton to Lillooet sometime in the near future, for it would be a great convenience to settlers and others in that locality.

"I am pleased to see that the draft, consolidation and revision of the statutes by the Chief Justice has been completed, notwithstanding all that has been said in the newspapers and the criticism which the government has received on account of the statute revision. I am perfectly satisfied that the work done by Chief Justice Davie is of the best possible character. I believe he has made a success of it, and given us the best revision we have even had in the province. The work has been done comprehensively and systematically, and cheaply, when you take into consideration the cost of other revisions. I do not know of any other man in the province better qualified for the task, and I am one of those who believe that one good man, with full control, can do better work, and do it more satisfactorily, than if it was divided up among half a dozen men—no matter how able they may be—it is also the cheapest and I for one am well satisfied with the government's action in this respect. I regretted very much to hear of Mr. Davie's illness and am very pleased indeed to know that he has recovered.

"I think the province is to be congratulated upon having secured, through the decision of the Privy Council of Great Britain, the precious metals on the Island railway land. This is very important, and while I am not disposed to quarrel with the E. & N. railway company for having secured these lands, it is a pleasure to know that something has been left to the country in the two million acres of land granted by the legislature to that corporation.

"Speaking for the district in the Dominion House of Commons, of which Lillooet forms a part, I hope that there will be some expression of opinion from this house regarding public works on the part of the Dominion of Canada. The revenue derived by the Dominion from the province as a whole is very large, both directly and indirectly, in proportion to the amount of money which we receive in return, and therefore we should have the benefit of the surplus for public improvements.

"We are at the present paying out from $750,000 to $1,000,000 more than we receive back, a sum sufficient if capitalized at 3 per cent. to build two railways to Kootenay at the estimated cost. I wish to point out to you, sir, that from all Cariboo Kootenay-Yale district only about $21,000 was spent last year in public works; whereas the duty collected at the port of Nelson alone for the month of January, 1897, was $33,000. This whole question is one demanding the attention of this house, and is a serious one for the people, who are already very heavily taxed, to consider.

"The private and public debt of this province amounts in the aggregate to about $650 per head of the population, and the constant drain in interest and taxes must keep the people of this country poor, if continued without abatement or some substantial return therefor. When we consider that the entire debt of the province private and public is something like $55,000,000, it would require to be rich in minerals and other resources in order that the balance should be on the right side as between our assets and liabilities.

"We have, of course, a very great private and public wealth in the province as an offset to our liabilities, if developed and realized upon. A modest and careful estimate places it at $3,500 per head.

"I am sure that every member will join with the government in recommending some measure of practical assistance to the famine stricken people of India; it would only be human, only British for this legislature to render assistance to fellow subjects of Her Majesty.

"I also feel confident that this house will be unanimous in the expression of congratulation to Her Majesty upon having attained the longest reign of any Sovereign of not only England as referred to in the speech, but of all Britain and if it were not discourteous to His Honor I should call attention to the fact that it is of Britain and not of England alone that Victoria is Queen.

"Mr. Speaker, I have simply to deal with one statement more contained in His Honor's speech and it affords me much pleasure to see it there and that is the improved financial condition of the province whereby the revenue and the expenditure are coming closer together instead of getting farther away from each other which has been the tendency for some years past.

"I trust that this satisfactory state of affairs will continue until they meet and afford from year to year a surplus out of which to extinguish our public debt, which under the most favorable circumstances is bound to increase for some years to come owing to the large undertakings of a public character such as railways which it will be necessary to assist in order that the country may be developed. With the best of luck the province will require to have its finances carefully managed and the strictest economy observed in order that we may do all that is necessary in the interests of the people and pay our debts as a province."

Mr. Semlin, leader of the opposition, congratulated the mover and seconder on their speeches, and then went on to express regreat that there had been no mention of redistribution in the speech from the throne. As certain localities in the province were growing rapidly in population it would be very unjust to them if the house should be dissolved before a redistribution measure were brought in. He explained that at the present time representation in some parts of the province was unequal and wanted a remedy. In regard to the reference in the speech to public works, that was a matter of very great interest, but he was of opinion that in the past the construction of public works had not been economically carried out. To secure the full benefit of the mineral development now going on in the province, the agricultural industry should also be developed. He did not think that the government had taken enough interest in the farmers, and thought that the province should have stepped in and made a test case for the farmers in the suit brought against certain settlers on the Thompson river whose irrigation the railway claimed had injured the roadway. The railway company had lost the suit, but if an appeal were brought, the government should bear the expense of the appeal instead of the farmers. Mr. Semlin objected next to Hon. Mr. Pooley appearing as counsel for the E. & N. in the precious metals case, and thought that the method in which the statutes had been revised was worthy of criticism. Not that he said there was anything wrong with the revision itself; but the government had delayed too long in appointing the revisers to assist the Chief Justice. He thought it unnecessary to have a revision after the Chief Justice had already completed one. The tax on mortgages next received attention, Mr. Semlin arguing that in the interest of the farming community it should be done away with. He objected to the government taking steps towards getting the arrears of payments on settlers' lands and wanted a further extension of time to that which the government had already granted. He could not see that the revenue for 1896 had increased very much over that of the previous year. He would admit there was a degree of prosperity, though he did not think this applied to the farmers, and took exception to the expenditure of $2,000 or so in publishing the list of delinquent taxpayers. This advertising should have been done by the government printing office and not in a newspaper. As far as the disastrous plague and famine in India was concerned, his side of the house joined with the government in their desire to assist in relieving this distress. Mr. Semlin closed with sentiments of accord in the loyal expressions on Her Majesty's jubilee and the great measure of prosperity the country had enjoyed under her happy reign. His side of the house were, he said, also in accord with the government in their expressions of loyalty to Her Majesty and with respect to the great measure of peace and prosperity which it had enjoyed under Her Majesty's happy reign. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. Turner, the premier, in congratulating the mover and seconder on the able manner in which they had performed their duty, said that no higher compliment could be paid them than the way Mr. Semlin had re-echoed their remarks. In fact, Mr. Semlin had only advanced one new matter, that of redistribution. Mr. Semlin had argued that redistribution should be brought down at once and gave as his reason that the population was growing so rapidly in some districts. That very reason was in itself an answer to Mr. Semlin, for how could a satisfactory measure be brought down when the whole face of the province was changing. The proper way, the Premier held, was to wait till the very last moment so that the redistribution could be carried out as fairly as possible. The government was quite alive too to the necessity of improving the roads of the province and, indeed, that was foreshadowed in the speech from the throne. As to Mr. Semlin's remark that the government was not in sympathy with the farmers, the Premier pointed out that the government had indeed taken a lively interest in that industry and the growth of the creameries, the establishment of the fruitgrowers and other associations had their hearty support. As to the exception Mr. Semlin had raised to the government taking steps to enforce the arrears in the payment of lands the Premier pointed out that these arrears were of long standing and amounted to a very large sum. The government had been constantly urged by both sides of the house to do something and had accordingly taken measures, but had extended the payments over a term of five years. Not one acre, however, had been sold to enforce the claim so the government could not be said to be unduly forcing the people. Mr. Semlin had made the old cry about the province going behind, and had put a wrong impression on the accounts as they appeared. The Premier pointed out that by the present method of book keeping the loans made were debited and credited with the ordinary revenue, so that the large amounts spent for the purposes for which the loan was made appeared in the ordinary accounts of revenue and expenditure. This might have been obviated by keeping a capital account like the Dominion government did, but he had asked the advice of the financial authorities in London, and they had advised him not to change the present simple method of keeping the accounts, so that it could be seen at once what was coming in and what was being paid out. As a matter of fact, the revenue had been very largely increased, for one had only to look back at the last eight years to see that this was the case. In closing, the Premier said he had no need to enlarge on the references in the speech to the Indian famine and the Queen's jubilee, for the whole house was in accord on those subjects. (Applause.)

Mr. F. C. Cotton, after congratulatory remarks addressed to the mover and seconder of the reply, said that the precepts which the opposition had tried to instil into the government side had borne fruit. (Laughter.) He believed with Mr. Hunter in the importance to be placed on the agricultural industry, for he was somewhat afraid that in the rapid growth of the mining industry agriculture might be somewhat lost sight of. All the questions that came before the house had the financial issue as their crux. He had noticed in the press something in regard to the discrimination by this house against the mining industry, but for his part he thought, if anything, the house had discriminated in favor of mining. The mine-owner had no tax on his mine until it was making an output, whereas the farmer was compelled to pay taxes whether he was making money or going behind, and in fact in any communications he had had with mine-owners they had expressed themselves as perfectly satisfied with the mining tax. For the mineral tax occupied a different relation to other taxes. The man who paid a mineral tax, had in return the right to go on mineral ground and take the wealth out of the lands of the province. On his machinery and plant he paid nothing, and this should be kept in view. He was pleased to hear the allusion to irrigation, and thought special attention should be given to it; for if irrigation were extensively practised in the dry regions, there would have to be some changes in the law as to reparian rights. He would like to point out, too, that the water should be taken out so that one canal would be used to the best and most economical advantage. He, too, wanted the mortgage tax done away with, and thought the experiment might be tried for at least one year. He advocated the introduction of the Torrens system of land registration. Referring to transportation, he expressed himself as strongly in favor of "free trade" in railways, that is, allowing any one who wished to incorporate. He thought that if any aid was to be given to railways some scheme might be adopted by which the government could give aid on condition that the province still retain some interest in the road and have the right of again resuming possession, and that a railway commission should be appointed. He advocated the repeal of the tax on miners, except in so far as it applied to prospectors, or men who desired to own a mine.

Mr. Macpherson, of Vancouver, found fault with the speech not for what it contained but for what was not in it. He thought something should have been said in regard to the government's land policy and said that the system at present in vogue was adverse to the interests of the province and that the government was not disposing of the lands so that it brought in the best returns. His complaint was that the government had allowed the land on the coast to be sold at its classification under the land act instead of only leasing it. "In fact," said Mr. Macpherson, amid laughter "the chief commissioner ought to blush at the way in which he had administered the affairs of his department and if I had been in his place I would have been so ashamed that I would walk out of the house." Mr. Macpherson continued that he thought the chief commissioner was lost to all sense of decency, but Hon. Mr. Martin smiled genially across the house at the member for Vancouver and said, "That's all right."

Mr. Macpherson continued that he hoped it was all right, but he feared the Chief Commissioner was unable to make it so, and sat down after suggesting that a want of confidence motion should be moved.

Mr. Graham spoke briefly, alluding to the mining industry, and suggested that before a company could be incorporated a government engineer should examine the mine and that the assays, amount of development work and other information should be furnished to the public. The companies, too, should place in the hands of the government one-third of the stock as a sort of guarantee for development. Referring to railways, he wanted to see them more under the control of the government. Mr. Graham touched on agriculture and complained that an application had been refused in May for coal lands in his district, and asked the government to explain if these lands had been unfairly kept for Mr. Heinze's railway. He wanted a change made in the insurance statute, which, he said, did not permit insurance to be collected on a house unless it had a stone or brick chimney; whereas he claimed the insurance companies took premiums for buildings with only a stovepipe through the roof and then could evade paying the insurance by taking refuge in the statute.

Mr. J. B. Kennedy, the member for Westminster city, said that the government had not carried out the log scaling act, and in asking that the mortgage tax be done away with, quoted from the Scripture the fate of Rehoboam the Son of Solomon who, when asked to make the people's taxes lighther, made them heavier. His kingdom was swept from him and this awful fate Mr. Kennedy prophesied would befal the government.

Hon. C. E. Pooley, in reply to the remarks of Mr. Cotton on the mortgage tax, denied that it was dual taxation, but said that in reality it was a personal tax. It was a question of contract between the borrower and lender. If the lender kept the money in his possession he would have to pay the personal tax on it, but when he lent it he merely contracted that the borrower should pay the tax on it. The Torrens system of land registration, spoken of by Mr. Cotton, would cost a great deal to introduce, and the system at present in use in this province had been in force for the last thirty years, it was simple and had worked well. He did not think he was divulging any secrets of the government when he said that the government intended to deal with the miners' tax and relieve the individual worker in a mine of being compelled to take out a license. As to the arrears in the payment for lands, Mr. Pooley pointed out that the taxpayer had to meet the bills and it was only fair that the men who were backward in paying up the arrears due on land should be made to pay up. The sum came to perhaps a million or a million and a quarter and the government requirement that delinquents should pay up 20 cents for a period of five years was not oppressive and was only fair to the other people of the province.

It being nearly six o'clock, Mr. Pooley moved the adjournment of the debate, and the house adjourned till to-day.

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Col. Baker, presented returns of the appointment of J. A. Forin as stipendiary magistrate with jurisdiction in the small debts court; also correspondence with the Dominion in regard to the Dominion controlling the telegraph line to Carmanah and relating to the establishment of more fish hatcheries in the province by the Dominion.

Hon. J. H. Turner has given notice of an act to establish farmers' institutes.

Mr. Macpherson—That he will move on Monday: That this house is of opinion that the authority conferred upon the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to sell lands should not apply to lands upon the sea coast and navigable arms, inlets and rivers as far as navigable, as it is impossible at present to say what portions of said lands may in future be required for fishing stations, and that no applications already made for which crown grants have not been issued should be granted, but that leases be granted in lieu thereof, unless the applicants already have lease, in which case their applications for crown grants should be cancelled.

Mr. Kellie will ask the Attorney-General on Friday: What is causing the delay in the settlement of the Revelstoke townsite arranged between the province and the Dominion government?

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